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At Zanzibar Mch 19th, bark Alton, Archer, NB, 280 sp
and hpk oil, (and old 31st on a cruise), 31st, United States,
ticks, Westport, 500 bls sp oil, and 30 lbs ambergris—the
factor sold at \$45 per lb, (and old 31st to cruise)
in port, Apr 6th, bark Hancock, Morton, NB, 200 bls sp
oil on board about ready to sail on a cruise. The M got
ashore Mch 11th, 5 P M, on a reef extending from the island
of Boy to Wivi, both islands near the south point of Zanz-
ibar on which there is but 1 1/2 fathoms at low water, although
the charts are marked 5 fathoms. (apt Morton reached Zan-
zibar at 11 P M, 11th, and gave information of the disaster to
his vessel, when the Consul immediately dispatched boats
with anchors, hawsers, and extra men to render assistance,
and on the 14th, after taking out provisions, casks, &c, she
was got off, taken to town, hauled on the beach, surveyed,
and pronounced seaworthy, having received but trifling dam-
age while on the reef. Her expenses amounted to about \$1000
to pay which the captain sold oil. The Consul advises that
vessels bound to Zanzibar, should, after passing the south
point, keep to the westward of all the small islands, and
then there is no danger.
At Rio Janeiro 21st ult, ship Sea Serpent, Whitmore, from
New York for San Francisco.

Unclaimed Baggage.

Sunday Decth 21 - 1851

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Through the mercy of God my unprofitable life has been spared to see the light of another Lords day. I feel to say this day truly the Lord has been good to me; at 9 A.M. I attended meeting in the Cabin the text was in Lev^m 17 Ch. 8 verse The heart is deceitful above all things, whilst hearing this text expounded I felt to say truly my heart is deceitfully wicked, I have this day renewed my covenant with God I have dedicated myself anew to him. O may he keep me from sin through this week and grant that I may live near to him, I have been reading the life of the Rev Mathue Henry of late and it is my desire to imitate his example in the cause of Christ as far as in me lies, to day I have felt and still feel much of the love of God in my soul still in renewing my thoughts through this day I find much to condemn me, at 6 P.M. attended prayer meeting in the Cabin was greatly blessed in hearing Christians tell of the love of God in their souls and of hearing a number of anxious enquirers telling of their determination to serve God and of asking the people of God to pray for them. It is now about three months since the Lord put it into the hearts of his people to have meetings on board of this ship and of erecting an altar of prayer and praise here, since that time he has accomplished a great work amongst us, yes many times since that time the Angels of Heaven have rejoiced in the conversion of sinners O blessed Lord carry on this great work untill there is not a soul on board of this vessel but what knows by experimental experience the love of God in the soul. O may we all live from day to day as though we saw death on one hand ready to cut the little thread of life asunder and Christ on the other waiting to receive our souls to bear them away to the regions of bliss prepared for them from the foundation of the world. O let us live by faith.

Decth 24

This morning I feel under renewed obligations to love and serve God for his goodness to me. O Lord thou hast been very good to me in meeting with me in my devotions this morning and impressing upon my heart the need of a deeper work of grace. O Lord in and of myself I can do nothing but as thou inclinest my heart I can call upon thee and thou wilt hear and answer the prayer of faith. O Lord I feel to thank thee for thy Holy word although I mourn to think that I prize it so little at times when I think how much it is prized loved and read by many of thy followers and how little I feel its value I feel as though I knew nothing of the religion which they profess. O my God enable me to realize that it is thy Holy word speaking to my soul and may I feel whilst reading it that I am in the immediate presence of an all seeing and heart searching God and O Lord whilst I read let light from the eternal world burst into my soul that I may understand what I read so far as it will be for the good of my soul and for thy glory and honour and that I may treasure it up in a good and honest heart that it may be food for my meditation at all times and under all circumstances.

Decth 26

To day I feel as though I needed a deeper work of grace in my heart, O Lord let thy refining, fire run through my heart and burn up every thing that is in opposition to thy holy will make my heart a fit place for thine honour to dwell in I have felt for the two days past very much down cast, when I look into my heart and see how much sin there is there, and how careless I am, I feel as though I should be one of that unhappy number who shall be weighed in the ballance and be found wanting O my God forbid, that this should be my unhappy lot, bring me to thy self do it in thine own good way if it needs I be affliction Lord send it upon me and make me any thing or nothing that I may glorify the and O may ^{my} soul thank after the as the Heart Thanteth after the water Brooks, And now O Lord as I am about to go to my daily labor go with me and enable me to live this one day to thy glory and honor may I not do any thing in thought or deed but what will meet with thy approbation I feel my own weakness I know that of my self I can do nothing but with the all things are possible Lord I commit myself to thee I find that I am too much given to light and trifling conversation and that trifling conversation leads the thoughts from God all will admit, I do not believe it is my duty to go about looking arthouh I had not a friend either in Heaven or on the earth no far from it for if there is any people on earth, that should wear a cheerfull countenance it is, the Christian the Child of God the heir of Heaven and immortal Glory it is he that can feel and say this world is not my home I seek another and a better land and I feel that God hears and answers my prayer from day to day and I do feel that when this earthly tabernacle of my heart shall be dissolved I have a house prepared for me in Heaven Glory to God for this asurance

Janth 8 - 1852

Since I last laid down my pen many have been the changes that have taken place, I ye even in our little circle death has made his appearance and called one of our little number from time into Eternity from the presance of mortals into the presance of an all seeing and heart searching God, O what a wicked heart I have got I thought when I commence this year I would try by the help of God to live near to him but O how far short I have come, I have not lived a week so cold dead and lukewarm for a long time as I have the past week O may the Lord revive his work in my heart, I do feel to thank him that he enablese me to feel and realize my short comings and heart wanderings from him and I feel that he will bless me for I am this I have given myself unreservedly to him and I feel that he has accepted me through the blood of his dear Son and my dear Saviour the greatest consolation that I have in this world is that God knows my heart although to outward appearance I am a poor short coming creature yet dear Lord thou knowest I love thee and desire to love thee more and serve thee better Lord help Lord revive thy work in me now Lord whilst I cry before thee

Jan 17

The past week has been a week of very peculiar trials to me I have had a hard struggle between Satan and God in fact I have been perplexed to know what my duty was on some peculiar points - the enemy of souls has been around me, to do things that I should be sorry for afterwards on the other hand God has been more than kind to me for his holy spirit has been with me and that to bless and when I look over the many mercies that I have received in the last week I feel truly thankful for I feel if the Lord had not been very near to hold me up I should have sunk under the load I but glory be to his holy name for his goodness, long suffering and tender mercies to such unworthy workers of the dust as I am Last evening I had another privilege of attending prayer meeting in the Cabin and I do feel to bless God that he ever exalted our hearts to have these little social meetings for whenever I attend these meetings I feel as though I had my spiritual strength renewed they are food for my hungry soul God dares to meet with us and that to bless I.

Jan the 18

I feel to say with me of old O wretched man that I am who shall deliver me from this body of sin and death for I feel that I am a great sinner in his sight I feel that sin is mixed with all I do yet even in my seasons of devotions whilst calling upon God I find that sin is mixed with my prayers and I do feel that if God was strict to work intently against me for every prayer that I ever offered to the throne of grace I should be sent to perdition and if in my most devoted moments my thoughts wander and I blaspheme the name of my God by taking that holy name upon my sin polluted lips in a light irreverent manner where O where shall my soul appear when I stand before my judge to answer for the deeds done in the body that my Christ is true my Saviour he knows my heart and the desires of my heart and I have dedicated myself to him and I do feel to trust him feeling that he will keep me to the end and give me every blessed blessing and will prepare me for what he is preparing for me I do feel to thank him that at times he has fit to show me the wickedness that there is in my heart O that I could be freed from those sins that offend to my nature would that I could be clothed with humility as with a garment that all pride, envy, hatred, contentiousness, slander, backbiting, lying, profaneness, scandal, and many other sins that I find lurking in my throat, would be done away with, but I do feel to bless God for the hope that I have although unworthy I feel that for Christ's sake and of his grace to my soul and I have the witness within that if this earthly house of our tabernacle were dissolved I have a building in Heaven a house not made with hands prepared for me by God and I feel that if the Lord should see fit to call me to night that I should go to inhabit that that abode glory to God for this hope O Lord make me more faithful whilst here on earth stay close upon me the burden of prayer and the worth of mortal souls and enable me to warm them faithfully to prepare for Eternity

Jan the 23 - 1851

I am in a strait what to do at times I am determined to
leave my Lord and master let come what will but at times
I am in a strait as an Officer of this ship and my duty to
my God comes in contact or in other words I have
to do many things here that I do not like to do and many
times I do not know what my duty is I have bound
myself to my employers to do all that I can for the good of
this voyage in order to do this I for one thing must keep good
discipline for without this the voyage will not amount
to much excepting discord broil and wastefulness
the captain often rises in my mind how shall I keep this
discipline with the least trouble I have not a doubt in my
own mind but this discipline may be kept up by the
followers of Christ; but what trouble me is to know whether
to use such and such corrections and reproofs are displeasing
in the sight of God and many times I am perplexed
on this point that I think that if ever I live to get
home again I will say there if I can get no more
that two meals a day rather than to come here where my
duty to my God and to my and to my fellow man are so
mixed and at times come in contact with each other so
much that I can hardly tell what my duty is I am utterly
so far as I know what my duty is with the strength of God
I will do it but I am afraid to trust my heart knowing how
deceitful and wicked it is it is like an interested party
fit to give in evidence on a point where so much self interest
is concerned but I have one that I can go to for help to
I can go to him and he will hear and answer my petitions
and guide me in the right path O for more faith to trust him

Jan the 24

I feel to bless God this morning that he enables me to
and feel my short comings when I see how much sin is
mixed with all I do so it seems as if it were nothing to get
that catch a sinner as I am should at last run with
pure and holy God but I know that it is not through
my merits of my own but through the merits and blood
of Christ applied to my heart that I shall be accepted
of God Glory be to his holy name for the gift of his love
thanks be to my Redeemer that he so loves me that he has
sent out the right hand of God making intercessions in my
behalf for my short comings and heart's wanderings from him
I bless the Lord for the gift of the holy Spirit to apply the word
to our hearts and to make us feel our need of salvation to
enable us to feel our lost and undone situation and without
the pardoning blood of Christ we are lost, lost, forever lost
I know that this is a great work but still I do not realize
it or feel it as I want to or as I ought to O that I could
while contemplating the death and sufferings of Christ the
love of God to fallen man the influences of the holy Spirit
would I say that I could be lost in in love admiration and
wonder for the way and plan of salvation and I do feel that
God should be strict to mark enmity against me for this sin of
irreverence I should be sent to people the dark mansions of
black despair but Glory to God that God is love

Jan 25

I feel this day under renewed obligations to the most merciful
Father, for his goodness and tender mercies that have been
manifested towards me in the way that is best I have been
able to see - herein I have come far short of doing my duty
and by the grace of God assisting I am determined to
use up to my little and great privilege God has seen fit to bless
me far above many of my fellow men not only in a spiritual
but in a temporal spirit of reason for there I have not
been as thankful as I ought nor have I used them as I
ought to have done for whilst I have been blessed with an
abundance and wish that I could share many of my fellow
men who are as good by nature and much better by
practice have been suffering for the necessities of life
not only this but there are thousands of charitable
institutions which have for their object the glory of God
and the worth of immortal souls, now who I would ask
is to support these if it is not those that profess to love the
Lord Jesus Christ I feel that in this respect I have come
far far short of doing my duty for I feel that when I have
given one penny I ought to have given a dollar and where
I have given a dollar I ought to have given an hundred
and I feel that unless I make up to my debt the treasures of
charitable institutions will rise up in judgment against me
I am resolved if my life is spared to do more for these institutions
I may God direct me and keep me from this heinous sin of
covetousness and may I give now as I shall wish to have done
when I come to lay on a bed of death may I realize that I
brought nothing into the world and can carry nothing out and
for all that the Lord sees fit to lend me there I must give an
account at the last great day O Lord help me to use this
world as not abusing it but may I wear it as a loose garment
round about me ready and willing to throw it off at any
moment the Lord shall see fit to call for me
I feel and know that the Lord will provide for me whilst I
stay here on the earth I need be God for this assurance, now
what do I want beside do I want to hoard up riches for
my children no I love them to well for this for I feel that
it is one of the worst curses that you can place upon a child
to bring them up in idleness with the expectation of inheriting a
fortune when they become of age all I want is to give them a
good education a good trade and train them up in the fear
of the Lord and if my God direct me and
the companions of my journey to do this I to lead them in that
straight and narrow path which leads to Heaven and immortal
life may they become patterns of piety and waymarks to
eternal glory I again I do not want to lay up wealth for my
wife in case she should outlive me for I feel that God will
provide for her when I am gone I feel as though I could adopt
the language of one of old I give me neither poverty nor riches
O Lord if thou shalt see fit to give me of this world's goods give me
a heart to dispose of it to thy glory and honor that it riches
shall in any way stand to weaken my affections from the or retard
my progress in the divine life O Lord keep them from me
and rather make me as poor as Job was and afflict me as thou
didst him rather than I should rove in luxury here and dwell
in misery through a never ending Eternity Lord direct me

Jan the 28
In days of old I remember the light of their tongues they
could not believe his word which he spoke to them through
the mouths of his prophets and still yet he punish us to
do not have faith in the word of God that word which was
sent us for our consolation and guide to be a lamp to
our feet and a light to our path to lead us on in the
way that leads to Heaven and immortal glory I feel that
I commit much sin in this respect I feel that I do not
trust in the promises of God as I ought to do and many
times when I go to God in prayer I have not that faith
in God which I ought to have or which it is my privilege
to have I believe that the Lord is a prayer hearing and a
prayer answering God but still I feel that God will not hear
the prayer of such a poor short coming creature as I am
last evening I felt drawn out in prayer in a peculiar
degree for one who a number of weeks ago said in our little
prayer meetings he was determined to serve the Lord since that
time I have heard nothing from him last evening I felt the
burden of prayer resting upon me in his behalf and I felt
to believe that the Lord would hear my secret prayer in his
behalf so much so that I kept looking and expecting to
see him arise and speak and tell of his renewed determina-
tions to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and see the end of the
race but the cruel unbelief that there is in my heart this
morning the thought has arisen in my mind was it in answer
to prayer that God opened the mind of this man was it in
answer to prayer that God warmed his heart and drew him
out in prayer to him and my heart of unbelief tells me that
he would have spoke whether you had prayed for him or not
I do believe that the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man
availeth much I believe that oft times prayer restores the
feelings the lives of many that otherwise would have slept
in death yes I believe and long to be had for that belief
moves the shadow that moves the universe and if those that profess
Christianity had prayed as it is their duty and privilege to do
there would not be an unconverted soul on the face of the earth
no longer are there every soul on earth would be come to
to God and woful sin be unknown amongst us this world would
be a paradise to what it now is but for all of these neglect and
short comings we that profess to love the Lord must have to give
an account at the last great day and I do believe that many
will rise up in the eternal world to condemn us unless
we are more faithful O solemn thought to think that in
the eternal world some soul or souls will arise and say
to the judge if that man had lived as he professed
he should have embraced Christianity my ruin is owing to the
inconsistency of his life I now think that he professed to be
a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ I watched him to see
if there was any reality in religion I saw that he was just
as worldly just as vain just as prone to anger harshness
revenge as other men in a word I could see no difference
in him since he made this profession of religion therefore I
came to the conclusion that it was all delusion O how much
truth there is in this how far short of doing our duty

do we come O Lord revive thy work in my heart for I
feel that unless I do more for thy glory and honour and
for the advancement of thy cause I am for the ruin of my
fellow men I shall repent it when I come to lay on a bed
of death O Lord increase my faith for I feel that it is weak
I believe but O Lord help my unbelief may I have that faith
which laughs at impossibilities and says my Lord has promised
it and it shall be done well now how shall I obtain this
faith not in my own strength surely for in and of myself
I am perfect weakness but in the Lord is my strength
and I do know it I put my trust in him and go to him
in sincerity and truth exercising the little faith that he
has given me he will increase my faith and enable me to
grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth from day
to day I and I feel that he has blessed me and is still
blessing me from week to week I feel that my hope grows brighter
and brighter my Saviour more precious my love for his holy
word increases my love for my brethren grows stronger
this vain deceitful perishing world has lost much of its
charms death which was formerly clothed with such
terrors has now lost much of its terrors to me and I
can feel to say to night if it is the Lord's will to
call me hence before the light of another morning his
will be done in all things glory be to his holy name for
this resignation that I feel in my soul

Jan the 31

Through the mercy of God I have been permitted to see the close
of another week and another month but O how far short
I have come of doing my duty when I commenced this year
I dedicated myself to God and felt with his blessing I
would be nearer to him than I ever have done before
but O what a deceitful wicked heart I have got I cannot
live a single day as I would every day when I examine
myself I find that I have committed ^{sin enough} to draw my soul in perdition
but still I am not discouraged for I feel that God for Christ's
sake forgives me my sins and hears my imperfect petitions
yes he not only hears but answers my prayers unworthy
and sinful as I am the great and mighty God who created
heaven and earth deigns to meet with me and pour out his
spirit and revive his work in my heart and gives me the
assurance that I am his and he is mine at times he unveils
his face to me and gives me a glimpse and a foretaste of that
heaven which I am striving for glory be to his holy name
for what he has done and is still doing for my soul I feel
at times as though I would like to leave this world of sin
and sorrow of trouble and care a world which causes me to
mourn over my short comings and heart wanderings from
my God in this own good time he will give me rest from all
my toils cares and perplexities O may the Lord teach me
patience and resignation to await his time and do his will
O man I live every day as though it were my last may I be
kept faithful with my lamp trimmed and burning waiting and
watching for the coming of my Lord and master O Lord enable
me to live the coming month more to thy glory and honor
than I have the month that is past

I have been led to think for the last few days of the ungratefulness
of the human heart towards God and this led then in the heart
that has been regenerated, our hearts are so weak and frail
that we cannot bear prosperity take for instance the child
God who has always lived from hand to mouth as
I were he is contented or he is contented he has enough to
make him and his comfortable and, now and then a
 spare dollar for his friend in need riches and honors do
not trouble him for he thinks nothing of them instead
of having his heart set on riches shut and soul drawn
out after them his heart is set on God and the enquiry
of his soul is Lord what wilt thou have me to do that
I may glorify thee and advance the cause and kingdom
here on the earth he feels in his heart willing to become
anything, or nothing that he may glorify his Lord and master
the desire of his heart is that he may grow in grace and
in the knowledge of the truth he cares not what the world
may say about him so long as he rests under the approbation
of his judge for what I would ask is this world to me or
what care I for its smiles or frowns, were all the men in the
world and the devils in hell to conspire against me they could
do me no harm true they might do as they have done
injury before they might kill this mortal body but that would
be doing me a kindness rather than an injury for it would
be sending our spirits to that home that they have been
wishing and longing for yes I feel to sleep the Lord for his
and should be glad to call for me before the close of
this day I will bless him for that for I feel that I am at peace
with him, but I have wandered from the subject from
which I have started, our Saviour says that it is hardly possible
for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven and so far
as my experience goes I never knew a man who was
rich that was a follower of Christ on the other hand I
have known many who whilst in moderate circumstances
lived consistent lives they adorned the doctrine of their
profession by their holy lives and godly conversation I have
seen these when they began to gild themselves with riches when the busy
cares of life began to press hard upon them when God was
blessing them with temporal blessings they have turned their backs
and have forsaken the path of peace their heart is with the
treasure on the earth they are continually longing for some piece
of extravagance such as finery in dress houses or lands often
in hoarding up riches and all of this may take place in
our deceitful hearts without being perceived by us we make the
church of God on earth as a sort of synagogue where they seem
to think or act as though they thought that if their names were
only written in the church book they were all right let them
drink in iniquity like water grind the face of the poor and
up the fowls of compassion to the poor and suffering in fact do
what they will they feel no remorse of conscience nor no fear of
Hell and I do believe that there are thousands that are resting
their hopes of heaven solely on their profession or morality or
self-righteousness that will at last hear the sound depart for I know
you not O Lord if thou shalt ever see fit to bestow this world's
goods upon thy servant give me with riches a heart to use them to
thy glory and praise O Lord give me nothing that will weary my soul

Feb 22

Since I last laid down my pen many and various have been my conflicts with the enemy of souls, at times I have been beaten and conquered by this wily adversary but this is my own fault the reason is simply this, I have attempted to fight the devil in my own strength and have neglected to put on the armor which the Capt of my salvation has provided me with, never no never will the devil conquer me when I have on the whole armor of God for only the bare sight of the weapon prayer makes him tremble and when this weapon is wielded with confidence it is a rare thing for Satan to contend with his opponent but let him lay aside this mighty weapon and he becomes an easy prey victory is certain the Christian is led captive at his will the Christian whilst sojourning here on the earth has many duties to perform but none of such vital importance as prayer he may neglect other duties and bring scorn and coldness upon his soul but let him neglect prayer and the life of religion is gone for the Christian can no more live without prayer than the body can live without food for it has been truly said that prayer exhorts wants and imports blessings I find that there is a great deal of wickedness wrapped up in this heart of mine truly the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked but I do feel to bless God that for the week that is past he has enabled me to see in some degree the wickedness of my heart and through his grace assisting me I am determined to overcome it I find on examining my heart that there is much pride there but O of what have I to be proud of even did I possess riches beauty talent virtue were I adorned with every Christian virtue they are not mine they are lent me from the Lord and to him I have got to give an account how I have used them but instead of this when I look into my heart O the sin and enmity there is lurking there unmortified and half repented of I find I have not a single Christian grace or virtue that is as pure or holy as it should be and at times whilst comparing my life conversation and example by the word of God I am led to exclaim O sinful man that I am and the thought crosses my mind is it possible for one so vile sinful and polluted as I am ever to dwell with a pure just and holy God another sin to which I am addicted to is a sulen sour irritable disposition I do not show that mild sweet calm disposition which it is the Christians duty to show, this I believe is a sin which many will have to answer for the word of God says by their fruits ye shall know them O my soul do you bring forth fruits meet for repentance do you recommend religion by your daily walk and conversation with shame I must not many times whilst excited perplexed or irritated I use language which brings reproach upon the cause of Christ Satan often tells me you are placed in a peculiar situation what would be sin in others is not sin in you for there is no one that can fill the station in life which you now occupy that could be free from these sins therefore God will not impute this to your account now who shall I believe God or the devil God has said that there is no situation in life that we shall be placed in but his grace shall be sufficient for us therefore get the behind me Satan for I will believe my God rather than you and from this time I will strive to be more on my guard as regards this sin O Lord direct and help me that I may set a good example before the world

Another month has rolled away it is fast and gone but we shall have to hear from it again yes at the last great day when the book wherein is recorded all the transactions of this life this month's opportunity will be amongst the number now my soul what kind of an account will you have to give have you faithfully discharged your duty to your God to yourself and to your fellow man, has it been your aim to do all and every thing that you could for the cause of your Lord and Master, has the worth of immortal souls occupied as much of your time talents zeal and prayers as it should have done, has there been a single day that you have not wandered from your God both in word thought and affection has there been a single day in the past month that which if God should be strict to mark enicuey against you that you could say I have kept the law and am clean in thy sight - No No for every day of your life since you came to the years of understanding you have deserved Hell and if you are ever saved it will be by the grace and long suffering of your God what you deserve heaven who are continually halting stumbling bringing reproach upon his cause, you deserve heaven who in your most devoted moments sin against God yet even in your prayers you suffer your thoughts to wander into the enemy's camp and dwell with pleasure on the scenes of vanity and folly which are enacted there, at other times you suffer your thoughts to wander on the riches honours or applause of the world rather than having them all centered on the Lord Jesus Christ - I feel that I have not that spirit of forgiveness which I had ought to have when I think how much the Lord has forgiven me and that too when I was continually sinning against him I feel condemned to think that I am so unwilling to forgive my fellow men, and what makes this sin more sinful I profess to be a child of God and to follow in the footsteps of my Saviour but O how far far short I come of doing my duty in this respect at times when I realize these things it seems to me that for me to break these open plain commandments of God was sealing my own destruction but if I know the desires of my own heart it is that I may overcome these sins and that I may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth from day to day and I do feel that through blessing of God I gain strength glory to his holy name for this about I am determined through his grace assisting me to go on from strength to strength from conquer to conquering untill I have conquered the last enemy which is death and have landed my soul on the fair banks of deliverance O may God help me for without his help I shall fail O Heavenly Father show me every secret sin of my heart and make it appear exceeding sinful in my sight even as it is in thy sight O God search my heart and remove and drive out all the little foxes of sin that are gnawing at the tender plants of grace which thou hast planted in my heart and O Lord help me to search my own heart and try myself by the word of God and what ever I find that will not harmonize with thy word O Lord enable me to forsake it help me to search thy word and may it be a lamp to my feet and a light to my path to guide me on to heaven and immortal glory may I be kept faithful untill death

March 2
I do not stop to say the Lord that after the time which the
the children of God have been on board of this ship that
there is some indication of a shower, the clouds of grace are
beginning to appear in the horizon, the people of God are becoming
more alive to their duty, they begin to feel the need of a deeper
work of grace in their hearts and more conformity to his will
and image, their zeal for the cause of Christ is on the increase,
the worth of immortal souls appears to lay nearer their hearts
O God make this cloud of mercy burst upon us with power
and great glory, O may the refining fire of Gods love run
through our hearts and burn up every thing there that is
offensive to thy holy will may sinners be convicted and
may the one who is fore and fast on board of this ship
what shall I do to be saved, O Lord be thou the leader
and conductor of this work carry it on to thy own glory
and honor untill every soul on board of this ship is truly
converted to the Lord untill thou shalt rule and reign in our
hearts without a rival, O Lord we that have named thy
name feel that we are perfect weakness but O Lord thou
art mighty and canst perform a great work by and through
us O Lord make us the instrument in thy hand of doing
much good and of saving our shipmates from going
down to death, O God put it into our hearts what to
say to them that will touch their hearts and cause them to
feel their lost and undone condition, speak through us
blessed Lord to thy own glory and honor and to the salvation
of immortal souls and to thy name father Son and holy
Ghost be all the praise power and glory both now and forever
I feel that I commit much sin in prayer, for oft times I
ask my heavenly father for blessings which I do not really
believe that he will grant. I oft times go to God in prayer
in behalf of my unconverted shipmates it is the desire of
my heart to see them coming over on the Lords side, but
when I think of the many prayers that have been offered
up in their behalf, and of the powerful exertations which
they have set under and above all when I think of the
glorious number that set out for the celestial city and look
around me and see how few there is in the ranks
of my Saviour it seems to me next to an impossibility for
the Lord to hear prayer in their behalf but O this cruel
cruel unbelief that would rob God of his glory and immortal
souls of a home in heaven, what if the Lord had dealt
with me according to my faith towards my fellow man
where O where would my lot have been cast, for since I
professed the name of Christian I have wandered far far from
my God, and drank in sin like water and neglected even the
form of prayer, yet God has been merciful to me and has
spared my life and although I willfully grieved against
him and that with a high hand he in his infinite mercy
has again called after me and as I humbly hope and
trust I have washed all my sins away in his precious blood
and cannot I have faith in prayer that God will do
even so to them, O my God take from me this unbelieving
heart and give me a heart of faith enable me to lay
hold of the promises laid down in thy word and to press
forward in the christian cause that I may at last wear the
christian crown

It has been a number of days since I last wrote in this journal and on examining my heart to find the reason of this I have come to the conclusion that it is on account of my laxness since I last laid down my pen my feelings have been various at times I have felt some what despondent but not so much so as I have in former parts of my religious experience but I have felt a firm reliance and trust in my Lord and Master I know and feel that God orders all things for the best and I feel that in the minutest things the hand of the Lord is with me I feel this and glory in the name of God for it for I feel that it is one of the greatest blessings that God has I feel that if I am sick God has ordered this sickness for some wise purpose and I believe that not only in great events but in hundreds of different ways daily the Lord is dealing with us for our good and if we do not profit thereby it is our own fault I do not believe that the God who has done and suffered so much for us who has drawn us by the cords of his love who has accomplished a work in us which has caused Heaven to rejoice that the blood of Christ has been efficacious in the salvation of another soul I say I do not believe that this good Lord after he has done so much will leave us to our selves to be governed by chance no thanks be to his holy name I have a more exalted opinion of him than this for I believe that every day and every hour in the day and every moment in the hour that God is devising and planning means for our welfare and that there is no such thing as chance to the people of God but all things are ordered for the good of Gods people it has been and still is the burden of my heart that I do not have more feeling on the subject of religion than I do at times I arise in the morning and whilst communing with my God I have sweet seasons in prayer well I strive to live this day to the honor and glory of God I read a portion of scripture and resolve to meditate upon it till the day I go away and hardly think of my master until I again go into my room at night this causes me to grieve for I do want to think of him much I want to live under his smiles continually I want to glorify him in all that I do and say since we have left port which is about a week I have enjoyed more of the love of God in my soul than I did whilst I was there and I find that this has been generally the case with me it is true I have enjoyed many sweet seasons in prayer and conversation with my brethren and sisters in Christ but still the anxiety and care has in a great measure marred my happiness and it is not only this but I find on examining my heart that it is the same when I am at home I do not enjoy that season of love towards my God and my fellow man on shore that I do on the Ocean for this reason I do feel to bless the Lord that he ever called me to bridle the Ocean and I do hope and pray that he will keep here if it will be most for his glory and for the good of my soul and the souls of those around me for it is my prayer that he will place me in just such situations and circumstances in life as will be pleasing in his sight and I do believe he will keep me in that occupation which is best for me just as long as I desire it and pray for direction

Apr 24 (13)

For the last few days I have had my feelings drawn out
in the presence of the man I have felt were the worth
of the immortal soul and more ^{inner} for the souls of my shipmates
that we must see and I feel I thank it to God for this
I believe that the Lord is about to revive his work again
on board of this ship and I feel that I have a great work to do
and I know that if I trust wholly in the Lord that he
will make me the humble instrument in his hand of
doing much good but I have watchful and prayer
have to be for my wicked heart for it is not only sinful
by nature but it has grown cold and hard in sin so much
so that I often find sin is mixed with all I do yet even
in my seasons of devotion I find that often times this
proud heart of mine is leading me away from my God
and I do feel thankful that although I cannot subdue this
wicked heart of mine yet I have one to whom I can go to
that in what will I if it is the desire of my heart yes
glory be to his holy name he with the hammer of his love
can break this stubborn heart of mine and cause it to
yield to thy holy will I find that often times when
I am but doing my duty and that imperfectly to that
this heart of mine will arise before me clothed with pride
and a garment of self-righteousness to plead its own merits
and oft times do I hear it whispering in my ear such
a prayer such an exhortation was noble and will recommend you
to the favour of your Lord and master again I hear it
whispering in my ear such a deed of charity was truly pleasing
in the sight of God but when I examine myself by the light
of Gods word I sink into insignificance in view of my short
comings and heart wanderings from God and as regards
the disposal of this worlds goods which the Lord has entrusted
to my care I have done nothing for I do believe from the
bottom of my heart that where I have given a cent for the
cause of Christ I could have given y^es and it was my duty
to give a dollar and when I have given a dollar it was my
duty to give ten O wicked and deceitful heart full of
false chasteousness and self-importance and abominations
of every kind truly thou art deceitful above all things
and thou shalt be punished but glory be to the name of my
Lord and master he has showed me in a measure your
deceitfulness and wickedness and O may he enable me to be
continually on the watch lest thou lead me into by and forbidden
paths and cause me to mourn over my leanness O Lord keep me
from sin and make me the instrument in thy hand of blessing
my shipmates to the O God may the worth of immortal
souls lay near the hearts of all the professed followers on
board of this ship great that revive thy work in the hearts
of thy people here that they may be prepared for the work
which thou art commencing here in our midst this night another
of my shipmates has started on pilgrimage O Lord give
him a stout heart and a firm reliance on thy almighty
power and cause him to put that in and of himself he is
perfect weakness that all help must come from the
O Lord forbid that he should be discouraged in the way
but will thou lead and keep him by thy almighty power
and Lord grant that this may be but this is a
mighty power

Mar 23

Further I shall say his command upon me under circumstances
of great sorrow though the mercies of God I am in good
health and I have enjoyed more of the presence of my Saviour
than I have done in weeks that is just and to God be all
the glory for it - but still I feel that there is a great lack
of prayer in my heart I have not that love towards God that
leds for his name that burden of prayer for perishing
souls that are around me that I had had in months
that are past and I often ask myself the reason this I
do know that the fault whatever it is lays with my un-
belief it is true that the time I am speaking when I trust
I was living near the Saviour I had been a long time
without attending any meetings and the joy, novelty and
excitement caused an overflow of spirits by attending a
meeting on board of ship this was kept up for several
months so long as sinners continued to take an interest
in these meetings but when many of those that had
professed to love the Saviour began to grow cold and
indifferent in the cause of Christ then my soul sunk within
me to think that many who had been born into the
fold of Christ as I hoped and with whom I expected
to sit down in my fathers kingdom to praise his name for-
ever I think that these precious souls to whom I had feelings
something similar to a parents for his children O it causes
my heart to bleed and another thing that causes me pain
is I think that I have in some way been the means of
deceiving them with a false hope that I have in some
way caused them to take conviction for conversion and not
having the grace of God in the heart they were an easy
prey to the enemy of souls so soon as the excitement
was over again the Lord is to work in our midst again the
Spirit of God is at work in the hearts of sinners and I do
pray God that I with all of my brethren may be directed
what to say to them and how to live before them that
the name of God may be glorified in their salvation O Lord may
this be but the drops before a mighty shower O Lord thou
art able to convert every soul on board of this ship and
thou knowest dear Lord that they kneel thy converting
power and thou knowest that it is the desire and prayer
of all thy professed children here that this ship may become
a floating bethel that every soul on board may become
a follower of the Lamb we all feel that without thy
assistance we can do nothing Father in Heaven if it can be
consistent with thy holy will carry on this good begun work
untill every soul here in our midst shall be brought to a
saving knowledge of Christ and him crucified Father Father
deepen the work of grace in the hearts of thy children
that they may be alive to this great work O Lord give
faith that faith which laughs at impossibilities and
says it shall be done O Lord I do feel to thank thee for the
privilege that I have had of attending meeting this morning
and hearing a portion of thy word expounded O dear Saviour
wilt thou deign to meet with us this evening and that to bless
O Almighty God wilt thou come this evening O God with
love and power and make bare thy name for salvation
O God we are rebels in thy sight and deserve nothing but
curse at thy hands but we come not in our own name but in the
name of thy dear Son Jesus Christ for us

Apr 26

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I am about to amende the duties of another week and I do
 desire to preach Christ this week by my example there are a
 many under serious impressions and it is the desire of my
 heart that I may not only live before them so that I shall
 be no stumbling block in their way but that I may recommend
 the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ by my every action by
 my every look and by all that I do and say I fear to talk
 to these that are bowed down under a weight of their sins
 so much as I would like for fear that I may over do ~~the~~
 or that I may say something which will cause them to take
 up with something short of salvation I know that the Good
 has commenced ^{a good work} and is still at work in their hearts and I know
 too that he is able to bring this work to perfection I do not
 mean by this that I am to sit down and fold my hands
 and say that I have nothing to do for I believe that when
 the Lord called me into his vineyard he called me to labor
 and I know that it is my duty to labor in in harvest
 and I feel that it is my duty to do all that I can for
 the glory and honor of my Lord and master wheather it
 be praying in publick or in private wheather it be in exhortation
 or in visiting the sick or in what ever way that the Lord
 shall point out to me in that way with his grace assisting
 me I will be found and I will enquire of him what is his
 will concerning me, but one thing I am shure of I shall
 never do to much in regard setting a good example before
 a perishing world and another thing I desire that I may be more
 uniform in my spiritual feelings not as it is at present one
 day exalted to heaven as it were and the next groveling in
 darkness not knowing where I am or whether my steps
 tend to for a closer walk with God that these clouds of darkness
 may all be scattered by the glorious brightness of the sun of
 righteousness rising in my soul and I feel that this is
 my privilege and the privilege of every child of God
 it is true but few attain to this state of happiness but some
 have and I am assured that God has no respect of persons
 but whosoever desires this with all the heart not merely for
 selfish motives but that Gods name may be glorified
 and if they pray for it they may obtain it - O for more
 faith that I may lay hold of the precious promises laid
 down in the word of God and claim them as my own I feel
 as though christians lost the cream of the blessings which
 they receive by the lack of faith could we but feel and
 realize what the Lord meant when he said hitherto ye have
 asked nothing in my name ask largely that your joy may
 be full what was it that made the apostle ^{Paul} so eminent in
 piety and zeal he answers this question himself by the grace
 of God I am what I am Paul of himself was a poor weak
 sinful man but the grace of God shed abroad in his heart
 made him the most eminent for piety real labors of love
 in fact it adorned him with every christian grace to an
 eminent degree now this grace is free for all and all who
 desire to become an uncommon christian will become one
 for it is the pleasure and delight of the Lord to bestow his
 grace on those that earnestly desire it therefore we cannot
 find any fault with our Maker for we may become just what
 we desire to even to the perfection of the great apostle
 the Lord increases our faith and zeal and may we set our mark
 high

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I feel this day under renewed obligations to the Lord and Master for his mercies to me last evening. Patted down
sitting in the Cabin and I can say of a truth like Lord
was in our midst - and that to bless I can say and bless the
the name of my Lord and Master for it that the Lord met
with me in a very special manner. I enjoyed his presence
as I never enjoyed it before and I can say in the language
of good cult Paul. I have all and abound I am full of
blessing for no more for I never shall be any nearer heaven than
I have been this evening. untill I heard this word this
evening I have been carried to Pisgah top and whilst there
God has daigned to lift the curtain of Eternity that by the
eye of faith might look therein and O the love joy peace
and happiness that has filled my soul my poor mortal tongue
is too short to describe it - no not had I the tongue of an
Angel I do not think that that this glory could be expressed
in words for a few days past it has been the desire of my
heart and the burden of my prayers that I might so far as
it is possible for mortals to realize the worth of an immortal soul
that just so far I might feel ~~them~~ it - and I feel that the
Lord in a measure has answered my prayer and to his holy
name for all the praise and glory for it last evening I felt
anxious and concerned for my shipmates who are out of the
ark of safety expecting for those that were in the meeting
I felt as though I would that I could take them in my
arms and carry them to the Saviour whose blood alone can
wash away all their sins and I do thank the Lord that
I was enabled by faith to bear their case to the throne of grace
and I trust that the Lord in his own good time will bring
in and convert such of my shipmates as shall be saved
last evening as we hope and trust the Lord spoke peace
to another soul yes glory to the name of God that the righteous
Angel has again taken pen in hand to record the name
of another of our shipmates in the Lamb's book of life
Lord grant that another and another name may be recorded
under his untill every one of our ships company shall have
their names registered in heaven O Lord give us strength and
to labor in thy vineyard and O Lord in mercy subdue root
up and far this pride that is rankling in my heart for
I feel that it is my most easy besetting sin O Lord thou
hast heard and answered my prayers in times that are past
and now O Lord be pleased to remove this pride from my
heart for it stands in the way of my happiness yes Lord it
lays right across my path to heaven and it hegs up the way
O Lord the way is so narrow that there is no room for it
and again Lord it robs thee of the glory and honor for many
times when thou dost claim to meet with me and instruct
me to speak to my fellow men of thy goodness long suffering
and tender mercies this rebellious heart will rise up
and claim the honor that belongs alone to thee O the
deceitfulness of this heart of mine that at times would
fill me with self conceit self importance and self pride
O Father in heaven wilt thou break this stubborn will and
grant that my will may be lost and swallowed up in
thy will O Lord take me into thy kind care and shaping
and mold me into thy precious image and make me
just what thou wouldst have me to be Amen Amen

Apr 30

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This day I am sure of a truth the Lord has blessed me
while I reading the life of Mr. James B. Fay but I felt that
I could say with him that another month is past and
gone and I do rejoice in as much as I have one month
left to remain this side of Heaven yes I praise God
that I have not got to live here always but that I
am born to die yes to die that I may live forever
it is true the thought of death the separation of friends and
the pains that accompany death causes me to start when I think
when I know that the sting of death is sin - and I believe that
my sins have all been washed away in the blood of Christ
consequently death will have no sting for me - what is death
Lord enable me to look him in the face for a few moments
is it not the glorious appearance of Emmanuel - God with us
what does he say - if I go away I will come again and receive
you to myself that where I am there you may be also
O it is a happy thought that I have Jesus for my friend and
even here in this life he will withhold no good thing from
me yes the Lord careth for those that love him and he will
place us in just such circumstances and situations in life
as will be most for his glory and honor and for the good
of our souls O Lord enable me to give myself unreservedly
into thy hands and to feel at all times that thou orderest
all things for the best for those that are trying in thy strength
to serve thee I believe that when I lay on a bed of sickness
Jesus will be my consolation and support - and when the important
crisis arrives O happy thought I can lay my head on Jesus
breast - rest in his kind arms and breathe my soul out sweetly
there I feel that if the Lord should see fit to call me to
night I could say amen thy will be done for I feel that
Jesus would bear me across the cold streams of Jordan and
not suffer its waves to overwhelm me - yes glory be to his
holy name I believe he would present me before his father's
throne saying here is a soul for whom I have died receive
him in my name - I do not deserve this and if I am sent
to Hell I feel that it is my just deserts for I sin daylong
my obedience is very imperfect yet the perfect obedience of
the Son of God is mine it has been imputed to my account
and is as much mine as though I had in my own person
obeyed every jot and tittle of the law of God O by this one
obedience of Christ I am perfectly righteous in God's sight
he looks on me - loves me - and will treat me as such
this is strong language but it is true of every soul that tastes
of the pardoning love of God and unless we feel our unworthiness
nothingness and whole dependence upon God through the blood
of Christ we cannot be his disciples O Lord as another month
is about drawing to a close father in heaven wilt thou
give me a parting blessing that I may be enabled to
live the coming month of my life shall be spent more
to thy glory and honor than I ever have done in my life
O Lord grant that this month may long be remembered
for good O grant that many on board of this ship may be
brought from darkness into thy marvelous light may thy professed
children be quickened and blessed in a peculiar manner
may they pray in faith and may the worth of immortal
souls lay near their hearts O Almighty God get to thyself
a great name on board of this ship and to the be all the glory

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Through the mercy of God another Lords day has dawned upon me under circumstances of much mercy - and I do feel in a measure thankful to God for his preserving care towards me but I do not feel that spirit of thankfulness for this or for any other blessing which I receive at his hand as I ought to do as I strive to do - when I think of the vast amount of love that God must have had for my soul in order to give up his only Son, when I think of the pain it must have cost that dear Saviour in forcing the thicket courts of Heaven and the immediate presence of his Father and of the holy angels - when I think of this knowing that he was a God of infinite knowledge and knew of all the privations trials persecutions sorrows and finally of the death that awaited him yes and that death of the most ignominious and cruel kind that could be conceived of by man I do now when he knew all this what love must have filled his bosom when he felt all of this glory and splendour to suffer and die for unworthy me O Lord may my heart be drawn out more in love to thee for all thy kindness towards me O Lord when I read in the holy word of the death and sufferings I believe that they are all but little still I want to do them as I want to do - there are four things that I want above all others they are these 1st that I may have more faith 2nd that I may have more love and concern for my fellow sinners 3rd that I may prize love search and understand the Holy Bible more 4th that pride may be taken from my heart I do feel that through the blessing of God I grow in grace daily I do love my Saviour more and as I read the holy Bible I see and I feel such beauties in it as I never felt before in my life this morning whilst reading the 8 Chap^y of Romans I saw such beauties in it as I never saw before in my life although I have read it many times before this morning has been a happy season to my soul God has met with me & blessed me O would that I could stand before the whole world to day and testify of his goodness & his tender mercies of his long suffering towards the children of men but who do I stand here and tell what I would do if I had a chance when there is souls within the sound of my voice that are out of the ark of safety and exposed to the wrath of an angry God O Almighty Father I do pray thee enable me to speak to these perishing sinners that are around me O Lord may I do this in private and O Lord wilt thou incline them to listen and wilt thou teach me what to say to them O Father in Heaven may I feel that what is done must be done quickly O Lord direct me in every thing that will hinder my progress in the heavenly life & cloth me with humility as with a garment that my heart may be right before thee dear Lord take from me all man fearing spirit and place thy fear before me that I may do my duty to my fellow man and that I may adhere to the doctrine of my profession in all things may O Lord wilt thou give me such a degree of the love that I shall not ever say or write to water my fellow men to follow the path to Home O Lord thou knowest the reason that I desire to see sinners coming to is that thy name may be glorified thou knowest to the reason why I wish to be instrumental in thy hands of bringing souls to Christ and for this I feel very thankful that thou knowest my heart thou knowest all things

May the 4

(19)

O how great the Lord is to us sinners in pardoning our sins
and restoring into us health and strength from day to day
I do feel thankful to my God that he has enabled me in his
mercies to feel the vast debt of gratitude I owe to him for all
his kindness towards me - and when I can feel to mortify over
my short comings and heart wanderings from God not so
much on account of the leanness and sorrow that it brings
on my soul as the dishonour it brings upon my God
when I feel jealous at the cause of my Lord and master for fear
that his name should be dishonoured or that he should be
rolled of his glory then I am in just state a frame of
mind as I want to be - for the four days that are past
I have had such a conflict with the enemy of our souls
yesterday as I never had before nor never wish to again yet
throughout the whole of it though I had thoughts of the
most Hellish kind suggested to me yet the Lord was with
me and I felt his presence yes and I felt his chastening
rod upon me for my sin for I had willfully sinned and
from the moment that I committed that sin that moment
I felt the browns and clashing hand of God - no power
ever felt the rod of correction more sensibly than I
did as stroke after stroke the chastening rod was laid
upon me I felt no disposition to murmur no far from
it for I felt to trust God that he has so sensibly impre-
sion upon me the sinfulness of sin I felt just as the criminal
does who is in prison he longs for the time to pass away
that he may be free from his confinement and go forth
and warn others to beware of breaking the laws of their
country and thus bring disgrace upon their friends and misery
upon themselves so I felt willing to wait Gods time but
still I longed to be freed from this state of feeling that
I might warn others from wounding their most precious friend
and bringing leanness upon their own souls and dishonour
upon the cause of Christ for I do not know of any way
that God is more dishonoured than by the inconsistent walk
of some that call themselves Christians we occasionally perhaps
hear them tell in the prayer meeting how they love the
Saviour and what the Lord is doing for their souls but
the moment they get out of meeting their thoughts and
and cares are still taken up with the world and with worldly
things they have not one word to say for their Saviour
God has declared in his word that by their fruits ye shall
know them and I do believe that such a professor does
more harm ^{whilst} in the church than six men could so that
were out of it let them be infidels scoffers blasphemers
or what not and conspire together to do all that they could
to hinder the cause of Christ - and I do firmly believe
that if Christians had done all that they could for the
glory of God and lived where it is their privilege to
live that long ere this time there would not have
been an unconverted person on the earth O Lord many
yes many times since I professed to love the I have wandered
from the and willfully sinned against the - but I am determined
with thy grace assisting me never again to willfully sin against
the O Lord enable me to remember Peter and to put all my
trust in the and O Lord rather than I should again wander
from the and bring disgrace upon thy cause take me from time

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let me die the death of the righteous and let me last and
to like his I do desire to feel as one brother in Christ
felt who has now gone home to reach the reward of his
labors at the time that I have reference to he was under
great bodily pain after the pain had in a measure subsided
he exclaimed a long life to God that that pain is over I
have not got to suffer that pain again I have just so
much to suffer and there is one mighty struggle got through
with it - was severe it is true but glory to God this
mortal frame cannot endure many such shakings as this
and every one is wafting my soul nearer and nearer to my Lord
and glory be to his holy name for he is about to tear down
this mud building and let the soul free from its prison
to soar away to be with his God to go no more out forever
I have felt for two days past as I never felt before in my life
I have not been at all exalted no on the other hand my feelings
have been rather depressed although I have as firm belief in
on God as ever I had in my life and it has been my
constant prayer to God for the two days that are past that
he would again lift upon me the smiles of his reconciled
countenance - and I have not a doubt in my mind but
what he will I know that God orders all things for the best
and I know that the Lord has hid his face from me for some
wise purpose and I do thank him for it and when he sees
fit to smile upon me again I will thank him for it
I have been trying to examine myself to see if it was not
for some sin of mine either of commission or of omission
that has caused my God to withdraw his presence from
me and I have been led to think that it is because I
have not discharged my duty to my fellow men that
are around me - It has been my prayer of late that
God would teach me what he would have me to do
and I have felt it my duty to take my shipmates
separately and alone and warn them to flee from the
wrath to come - I know not why it is but this seems to
be a great cross to me I have felt it to be my duty for
a long time I have prayed to God for grace and strength
to enable me to take up this cross at times I have felt
that I would do it immediately but still I have not done
it I often ask myself why it is I am so backward in doing
this duty I do not feel it crossing to my feelings at all to
speak to them or pray for them in public no on the other
hand I delight to do it - I feel that the Lord is calling upon
me to take up my cross and to warn my fellow men
to seek their souls' salvation and I believe he requires me
to do this in private and with his grace assisting me
I will begin this night O Lord teach me what to say
to them O Lord uplift the exhortation to their hearts and grant
that I may be made instrumental in thy hands of doing
good to my fellow man - not unto me but unto thy
name be all the glory father in heaven hear my petition
and if it can be consistent with thy holy will smile
upon me to night remove this cloud of darkness which has
overshadowed my mind for a few days past and enable
me to enter into the perfect liberty of the children of
father in heaven purify me from every thing that is
unlawful in the sight of God O Lord hear and answer prayer

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circled around and still the Lord has spared
my life and given me health and strength for which I desire
to thank him. The question arises in my mind for what has
my life been spared, and have I done the will of my Lord and
have I done all that he has required of me in the time that
is past. Did I know that this week that is passed is to be
the last week that I shall ever enjoy on the shores of time could
I say that I am satisfied that I have done all that I
could for the glory of God that there is no more that I can
do for my perishing shipmates either by my precept or example.
I feel in view of these things I must plead guilty before God
for did I know that such was the case how I should regret
that I had not been more zealous in the cause of Christ how
it would grieve me that I had not gone from heart to heart
untill I had conversed with every one of my shipmates that
is still unconvinced to God and warned them to escape for
their lives and fly to the outstretched ^{army} of bleeding mercy. O
may the Lord in his infinite mercy touch me with a live coal
from off the altar that I may be more zealous in his cause
O may the duration of Eternity the bliss of Heaven the word
Holt the love of God the deceitfulness of the devil be held
up continually before the eye of my imagination that I may
shun that which evil and cleave to that which is good
and may the worth of immortal souls lay so near my heart that
it will be the burden of my prayers Lord save my shipmates
from going down to hell and may I not only pray for them but
may the Lord give me grace and strength to warn them in
which and private to turn to the Saviour and not be hurried
before the gates of mercy are closed forever against them
and may I do this faithfully may it not be the cold formal
exhortation which tends rather to harden men in their sins
than to convince them of the realities of Eternity.
I feel this day as though I wanted to live so that when I come
to die I shall have nothing to do but to die - and when the things
of time are fading from my view the glorious realities of
Eternity will be bursting upon me in all its glory and thus
death will be swallowed up in victory and the grave will
loose all of its terrors and I shall by faith be enabled to
lean my head on Jesus bosom and breathe my soul out sweet
there and I so believe that all this may be obtained by faith and
prayer I believe it is the privilege of every Christian to live
from day to day under the smile of a reconciled God so
that they can not only say the will of the Lord be done but with
the great apostle I can testify it is the desire of my heart to
depart and be with Christ which is far better than to stay
in this wicked world never the less I am willing to wait Gods
time I would we but live where it is our privilege to live
how happy we should be in this world were we but united
resigned to the will of God how happy we should feel at all times
even when our bodies were racked with pain we should feel that
it was a sweet though bitter pain for it comes from the hand
of my Lord and master and he would not do any thing to me
that was not best for me - in the midst of temptation O happy thought
to think that the Son of God was tempted just as we are and
that out of pure love to our mortal souls he tempted that
he might know how to meet us when we are tempted yes
glory be to his holy name he now sits at the right hand of God to
succour us when tempted

22) Helen Augustus May the 10
This morning had a refreshing season run the theme of grace
whilst holding communion with my God, from off the meridian
seat - last evening had a glorious meeting the Lord met with
us and that to bless it was a soul refreshing a sin killing
season it was a season which caused the quaking of souls to
tremble for he saw two of his loyal subjects, for their tender
lives in publick service for freedom and peace, yes and glory
be to the name of God. I believe that one of them found peace
yes I believe that last night the recording angel had the
pleasing duty to do of recording the name of another of the
the Helen Augustus crew in the lambs book of life
I believe there was joy in heaven last night over another
relenting returning son glory be to God for this and may he
carry on this good began work until I am sent on board the
ship shall be brought into his kingdom & this is joy this
is bliss to the believers heart to see sinners leaving the inner
camp and flying to the arms of Jesus and crying Lord save
or I perish I have often felt a desire to leave this world
and sorrow that I might go and be with my Jesus but this
morning if it is the Lords will I desire to stay and see
the power of God in bringing souls to Christ Jesus and if
the Lord will use me as an instrument - in his hands
bringing souls to Christ he shall have all the glory both
now and forever O what a happy thought to think that the
ships company shall all be transfered from this to the other
ship Zion and there we will spend a never ending eternity
in praising God and conversing of his kind dealings to
us whilst we sailed in the ship Helen Augustus O Lord
carry on this good begun work that we may all become the
happy partakers of thy rich grace O Lord forbid that we
should be left out we are about to establish a days meeting
on board of this ship thinking that it will be for the honour
and glory of God O Almighty God set the richest of thine
blessings descend upon our feeble and imperfect desires and
labours O God take from our hearts all pride and befitting
to speak through him that shall attempt to lead this ship
and O Lord wilt thou lead him we have no one here that
is a great orator we have no one here that is learned but we
not as well qualified to become speaking trumpets as the
discipless were when they were called out of galilee O Lord
we know in and of our selves we can do nothing but we do
believe that he can use us as instruments in his hands
of accomplishing a work which all the ministers on the
face of the earth - all the angels in Heaven yes and Heaven
and earth combined could not effect without his aid
I do feel to thank God that he has in a measure enabled
me to see and feel his power and majesty and I do feel
to thank God for that particke of faith which he has
imparted to me but Lord may this be but the drops before
a mighty shower I have great reasons to be thankful that
God has in so pointed a manner answered my prayer the
promises of God ought to be enough for me to exercise faith but
added to this he has showed me that he is a prayer hearing and
a sin pardoning God O Lord I do believe and glory to thy
name for thy kindness in imparting this measure of faith
to one of thy most unworthy followers but still Lord I would
cry unto thee for more faith help thou my unbelief

May the 12

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Through the blessing of God I feel that I grow in grace daily. I find that I don't read the word of God more than I have ever done before in my life and I understand it more than I have ever done before in my life there is hardly a chapter in the Bible but what I see some new beauties in it as I read - although I have read it many times before still it seems to me as a new book and I do feel thankful to God that he has given me this volume of inspiration for without this Holy word of God I should be perfectly at a loss what to do where to go or how to act in fact take from the word the Bible and we should all sink into idleness and superstition at times whilst contemplating the wisdom of God in the glorious plan of salvation I am lost in wonder and amaze to me how full how free and yet how simple so simple that even the illiterate the unlearned yes the wayfaring man though a fool may not err therein not only this to see the wisdom and power of God combined in upholding us whilst travelling through this vale of tears he knows that we have got to pass through ~~with~~ these troubles and trials here and he has warned us of them - the mariner whilst ploughing the trackless Ocean knows that in such latitude and such a longitude he is exposed to eminent danger and when the typhoon comes with all its power he is prepared to meet it so the Christian having a knowledge of the temptations and trials that await him is by the grace of God's assistance in a measure prepared to meet them not only this he has told us just how and in what manner to meet them not only this he has tried them himself yes the God of Heaven has been tempted that he might know how to succor us that we might be tempted another means of grace which he has commanded us to observe is to sit times assemble our selves together and talk of the kind dealings of God to our souls in this way we strengthen each other and we gather confidence one toward another and I do bless God that he has put it into the hearts of his children to establish an altar of prayer and praise on board of this ship and it does seem to me that I had rather part with any or every thing that I hold dear on earth rather than to part with these meetings for they are a great blessing to my soul for many times I go to these meetings I feel cast down and dispirited I feel as though I had nothing to say in the name of Christ but as I sit and hear my brethren tell of the kind dealings of God to them the fire of love begins to burn on the altar of my heart the Lord in mercy removes the veil from before my eyes and enable me by the eye of faith to look to him and in so doing I receive a blessing and many many I go from the house of prayer rejoicing in God my Saviour and feel to say that it has been good for me to be here and often times my heart is drawn out in love to God for his kindness to me in placing me on board of this ship when I think of the vast number of ships there is on the mighty deep and think how few there is in that number that hold meetings on board for the purpose of worshipping God I do feel that God has blessed me far above my deserts and for this I desire to glorify God - I never saw nor heard of a ship in which God had so manifested himself as he has on board of this ship and still the cry is Lord save or I perish

May 11. 13

I feel this morning as though Christ had ascended to heaven
to prepare a place for me and I do feel to thank him
not only that he has gone to prepare a place for me but
I do thank him that he has enabled me to feel and realize
that he has gone to prepare a place for me yes for unworthy
me to feel told for the faith that he has imparted to me and
I thank him that he is giving me a desire after more faith
and I pray God that this desire may increase untill I feel
wholly conformed to the will of God Jesus has promised that
he stand by he will come again and receive us to himself I happy
happy thought that his love is so great towards his children
that he will not trust a messenger to come for them but he will
come in his own person to take us who have been redeemed by
his precious blood and present us to his Father and to our
God and to our God saying here are those whose robes
have been washed in the blood of the Lamb here are those
for whom I have died Father in my name receive them to thyself
that where I am they may be also - what a happy sight
it will be to the Christian when the Lord Jesus Christ shall come
to this earth on the clouds of heaven to gather his followers
to himself with what joy will it run from mouth to mouth from
town to town from state to state from one continent to another
untill every believer in God shall hear the joyful tidings
what a happy moment that will be to the believer that now let us
see that dear Saviour who died for him that he might live
not by the eye of faith but face to face & how the saints will
fly as it were when they hear that their Saviour is wanting
to receive them & how they will cry Jesus crowd yes and in
that day we can tell who loves the Lord most for those
that love him most will be nearest to him whilst those
that have been serving him more through the fear of Hell
than on account of the love that they bear to him these that
have followed him at so great a distance here will
follow him at a great distance there though they may be
saved as by fire - this is but right for take for instance two
men on ships board they both obey the laws of the ship
but one obeys them purely through fear of punishment take
away this and he would break the laws with impunity the
other one does no more and perhaps not so much but he does
it from nobler purer motives he sees that the laws of his ship
are just and right and without some discipline it would be a perfect
Hell on earth he feels that it is his duty to do all that he
can for the good of the voyage and when he has done all that he
can he deserves no praise for it for he has done no more than his
duty such a one loves those that are in authority and will
try to do all that they can to please them you may take from
such a one all fear and he will be just as faithful in fact
such a person has no fear he feels that he is doing right and
in so doing there is no fear how applicable is this to many
that bear the name of Christian they serve God merely through
fear of Hell take this from them and they will sin with impunity
but glory to God that there is some that serve him from more
pure more exalted more glorious motives than this that future
punishment from the decrees of God and they will serve
him just the same they serve him not for the hope of reward mercy
or through the fear of punishment but because they love him
from the first loved him and it is the desire of their hearts to do
his will

May the 14

"go to Charleston" (26)

I believe it is the privilege of every one that is born of the spirit to know that there are the children of God I have not a doubt but many a most of God's people at times have their doubts wheather or no they have been truly converted to God now I do not believe that there is any necessity for this neither do I believe such a frame of mind is pleasing in the sight of God - we read in the word of God by this we may know that ye have passed from death into life - now if God spoke to christians in days of old and through the mouth of Saul gave them this word and as he is an unchangeable God and as he has given this word for our example surely we may also know that we yes we unworthy as we are have passed from death into life and I feel that it is bringing dishonor upon God and bringing upon our own souls to doubt this and I do not believe that there ever was a soul that felt this doubting frame of mind but what he was the cause of it - by this I mean that it is the business of every child of God to live every day of his life so that he would as soon know his existence as to doubt his acceptance with God - I believe that christians often times when they are cast down in their spirits charge God with having withdrawn his presence from them for some wise purpose when in fact the cause lays with themselves instead of Gods withdrawing his smiles from them they have withdrawn themselves from God. This day have been led to think how much God is dishonored by light and irreverent conversation and by using what is called by words for whilst we use these it gives the worldly people occasion to say this is just as bad as swearing for they say that we use this as a substitute for taking the name of God in vain and many times it is too true especially when we use the name of God in a light and irreverent manner and I am determined from hence forth to let my communication be ya ya and may may for I believe that whatsoever is more than this tends to evil I have been in the habit of using the word go to charleston in my conversation although I never use this word in anger but still I have been told that I might just as well say go to the devil I know that in this they are mistaken but still if this is a stumbling in the way of the sinner I will with the help of God overcome it and not only this but I believe all joking and light conversation has a tendency to wear the affections from God besides this it gives the people of the world to say I see no difference between those that profess religion and those that do not besides this I have noticed that those that are given to this privately have not that influence with the unconverted that those have that are more guarded in their conversation I do not mean by this that the christian should wear a sad and mournfull countenance no far far from it for if there is any one on earth that that should wear a cheerful countenance it is that soul that is living under the smiles of a reconciled God with the anticipation of shortly leaving this world of vanity and trouble to go home to heaven where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest but I mean that they should be guarded in their conversation and do or say nothing that will give the world occasion to question the reality of their religion but that they may so live that they may preach Christ in their daily walk and conversation

May the 15

I feel to thank God that on this day, enabled me in a measure
to resist the deceitfulness of the tempter for I believe that many a
multitude of those that have named the name of Christ suffer this
wily adversary at times to lead them from God and this too
without being conscious of it they listen to the voice of the devil
rather than the voice of God. I feel that this has been my case
and I am determined with his grace assisting me to do so no more
at times as I have gone to my room for the night on examining
my thoughts words and action I have been convicted of doing
wrong. God in his infinite mercy has convicted me but instead
of repenting of that sin and imploring the blessing of God to keep
me from committing the like sin again - I have listened to the
voice of the tempter who has said to me it is true you are a little
and at times come short of doing your duty - but you mean well
and God looks at the heart and not at the action besides this
you must expect to sin some for the bible tells you that there
is no one living that sinneth not - consequently you are all right
in the sight of God - of times I have perverted even the promises
of God. I have gone to him in prayers and said Lord thou hast promised
me if I would confess my sins thou wast just and true to forgive
me my sins - yes I have done this without even a thought desired or
wish to forsake those sins I really desired God to forgive all my sins
but I have without being conscious of it myself supported the Devil
to make me believe that I was obliged to ask from day to day to say and
that God for Christ sake was obliged to forgive me if I confessed
my sins to him I have not felt it in just these words but when
I realize over in my mind this seems to be the conclusion for
how often do we hear christians in our conference ^{meetings} of some particular
sin that they are addicted to when if they had been one half as
willing to forsake that sin as they had to confess it they would
have been delivered from it long ago now this is not willful
but it is for the want of self-examination and trusting to the
voice of the tempter without enquiring from whence the voice comes
I believe that there are many that think that they are the children
of God and will not discover their mistake until they stand before
the judgment seat of Christ they suffer themselves to be led
on by the devil they go willingly without asking themselves whether
their steps tend - to all people in the world there are most to
be pitied for it is next to an impossibility to approve them in
let the arrows of conviction fly over so thick around them they
will have no effect on them for this garment of security
which the devil has wore around their hearts is of such a
nature that the arrows of conviction bound off and fall
harmless at the victims feet now is God to blame for this shield
not for he has given us a chart on which are laid down all
rocks shoals and quicksands that there is in the ocean of life
now if we neglect to look at this chart ^{and} ^{we} listen to some
one else shall God be to blame if we dash our vessel on the
rocks of sin though they may be hidden rocks again shall we
because some part of our passage across the ocean of life lays
in latitudes where hurricanes and storms abound shall we
go contrary to our sailing orders and strive to find out some
other way to heaven where it will be more pleasant sailing and if
the port of heaven should be closed whilst you were thus sailing
contrary to orders who would you blame for it God has given you this
vessel and freighted it with an immortal soul and if you go
into by and forbidden ports and your vessel is seized and your

May 16

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What a blessed privilege it is to serve God, how often whilst sitting in our little prayer meetings do I feel to exclaim with the poet myself willing soul should stand in such a frame as this and sit and sing herself away in everlasting bliss at times I feel to cry out bless the Lord to my soul for his wonderful work which he has done and is still doing on board of this ship and I do feel to thank him that he has placed me on board of a ship where his name is honored and I to get to thank him that he has used me as an instrument in his hands of doing some good to the souls that are around me I have been led to see that the Lord has a work for me to do and no is me if I do not do it - I know that he has given me one talent if not more and I do pray God that he will show me my patch of ground that he has called me to labor in if it is only my own heart I desire to keep it free from the weeds of sin and just as fast as they spring up I do desire that I may have wisdom from God to discern them that I may pluck them up before they gather strength and I am determined to take a walk every morning and evening in the garden of my heart and see if the devil has not been sowing tares there - whilst taking my accustomed walk this morning I saw that pernicious weed pride again springing up again this is a troublesome weed for I find if I am enabled in the morning to pull it all up - before night I put it springing up all around but this does not discourage me for I know that the enemy has sowed a great deal of seed there for the last twenty years and I find him prowling about my heart daily and I know that just as long as I tabernacle here below I have got a work to do and God has provided me with implements to work with and just as long as I use those implements God will crown my labors with success my trust is in him - I believe that it is my duty so to live in this world that this world may have been the better for my having lived in it I believe that every one that is born of the Spirit has a duty to do and if they would only enquire of God what he would have them to do with a desire to know what is his will that we should do and be determined to do all that we can through his grace assisting us I know that if Christians would only do this they would be a blessing to the world and an honour to their God and would receive a rich reward in their own souls from day to day - and instead of asking wheather God will forgive the folly of our lives wheather it is sinful to mix in the giddy dance or wheather I may do this thing or that and not commit sin or if I do commit a little sin will not God forgive me I say instead of striving to see how near they may be conformed to the world - the language of their heart would be will this be pleasing in the sight of God will what I contemplate doing add to his glory and honor and if they feel that it will not they give it up without asking wheather it is sinful or not - I have felt for a few days past that I lose much happiness here in this world that God wants I should enjoy - for I know that the nearer I live to God the more happiness I shall have here and the greater will be my crown of rejoicing in the world to come - it appears to me of all people in the world to be pined is that soul that is standing betwixt Heaven and Hell he knows not where he is at times he feels that he is a child of God again he follows him at so great a distance that at times he loses sight of him all together he takes no comfort in the world for he is not of the world whilst in God he is ^{near to him} ~~in God~~ ^{near to him} ~~in God~~

Alm 15
This morning I feel to thank my God for his many dealings
to me and this morning though I feel much satisfied in spirits
yet I have not a doubt but that I am a child of God and I
expect to go to Heaven when I die just as much as I expect to
die. I have no more doubt of the one, than I have of
the other - this morning I have another bright evidence that
the Lord is with me for he will not let me go on in sin
I feel his chastening rod this morning and I have been
searching my heart to find the cause and as I have been
walking through the chambers of my heart and seeing the
the candle of Gods grace I have seen so much sin and enmity
that I do not know for what particular sin or sins the Lord
is reproving me at times I have thought it is because I have
read portions of this Lament to some of my brethren in Christ
I have felt to fear that I have felt pride in my heart and
that I am robbing God of some glory and honor that is due to
him again I have thought that it was because I do not spend
more time alone in meditation and prayer in reading the
Holy Bible and other religious books that he throwed in my way
I have thought at times that I talk too much with man and
to little with God and I know not but God is jealous of me
and I am afraid that I lie at times in conversation with my
brethren that my mouth utters more than my heart feels
but be the cause whatever it may I do thank God for it and it
is the language of my heart that God will give me no rest
until I am freed from this sin or sins I do thank him and will
praise him that he is causing me to hunger and thirst after
righteousness and glory be to his name for his chastening rod and
may he still administer it until my will is lost in his will
though in so doing it may be necessary to bring me on a bed
of sickness and at the stake of death yes and the death itself
I feel that I do not do to others and by others as I would that
they should do to me for I feel that often wound their
feelings when there is no necessity for it yes and often
harm them when there is no just cause for it - O what a man
I am I feel this morning that Hell is my just deserts and
I feel that if God should this moment cut me down
and send me to people the dark mansions of black despair
I should not have a single excuse to make for I feel I
were foolish for a moment to praise God in still I would
praise him for his justice towards me but O the amazing
forbearance and love of God for if we confess and strive to
forsake our sins he is just and faithful to forgive us our
sins yes and he is not only faithful to forgive us but he desires
to do this for he stands continually with a scepter of mercy
in his hands and cries return unto me backsliding children
and I will heal your backslidings and love you freely.
I am determined this day to return unto God and confess my
sins and with his grace assisting me I will forsake all
inward sins and strive to seek others welfare rather than
my own - I have been reproved of late by a Christian brother
for talking so loud and long in our meetings he says
that it confuses him and causes him to commit sin and I
feel to say with the Apostle Paul if meet ears my brother
to offend I will eat no more flesh whilst I live I when first
reproved I felt inclined to be angry and the Devil said to me
do not speak at all in meeting again but thanks be to God I
feel to say eat the behind me first -

For a few days past I have been grieving as it were in the
 dark I have suffered the mercy to let down my heart and
 my soul and I have had to suffer for it—for my mind has
 been like the column of smoke continually ascending and
 not nor peace but I do feel to bless God for his kindness
 and forbearance towards me although I have wandered
 from him yet he in his infinite mercy has inclined me
 to seek his face although I do not enjoy myself as well
 as I did before yet I do bless God that he has not cast me
 off forever but he is giving me a desire after more of his
 grace and love shed abroad in my heart—I mourn to
 think that I do not love and serve God more when I am
 about my daily labor—at times when I arise in the morning
 I resolve in my mind to talk to my shipmates about their
 never dying souls but when I come to go amongst them
 I have little or nothing to say—again the next morning
 I pray to God for help to enable me to take up this
 cross and whilst in my room I feel determined and
 strong but when I come to go amongst them I do not
 see a fit opportunity or I do not know how to begin I
 do not fear man for when I go to meeting I delight
 to talk to sinners about their never dying souls—but
 as I know it is my duty in private as well as in public
 to exhort and to persuade sinners to flee from the wrath to come
 with the grace of God assisting me I will strive to do my
 duty in this respect untill this duty becomes a pleasure
 I have been thinking this morning what a poor soldier I am
 for my Lord and master he has told me by the mouth of
 good old Paul that I must put on the whole armour of
 God for I have got a cunning enemy to contend with
 and not only a cunning but a powerful ruler one who is drawing
 the greater part of this world after him but thanks be to my
 Lord and master that I have an arm to rely upon that is
 stronger than the arm of the devil and I do feel to bless
 the name of God that he has provided an armour for me which
 the fiery darts of the wicked one cannot penetrate and I do
 feel to bless God that all may partake of this armour without
 money and without price and what crowns all is that whosoever
 will put on this armour shall never be overcome there are thousands
 in the world that are striving to fight this enemy in their own
 strength without putting on this armour but there never was
 nor never will be one that has overcome this enemy in their
 own strength we might just as well wage war with our maker
 thinking to conquer him as to try to overcome the evil one without
 the help of God I may the Lord increase the desire in my heart
 for this armour not a part of it but the whole of it that I
 may be enabled to overcome the tempter and glorify his holy name
 I do desire that the Lord would cause me to hunger and thirst
 after righteousness more than I do at present for I feel that
 for a few days past that I have stood still or rather I have
 been going backwards instead of pressing forward towards the
 mark of my high calling for a few days past my thoughts
 affections and desires have been roving in the high roads of
 earthly riches honours and pleasures more than in the strait
 and narrow path where true happiness and riches is to be found
 O Lord forgive my shortcomings and increase the desire in my heart
 for more grace love and zeal in thy cause Lord hear prayer

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through the mercy of God I am still in the land of the living and the question arises in my mind this morning for what is my life spared and am I doing all that the Lord requires of me to do both to my own soul and to the souls of those around me I do feel to thank God that he has given me this spirit of inquiry and I do pray God that he will enable me to feel my true state that he would away before me all my short comings and heart wanderings I from him and I want it should be the language of my heart ^{and} not of my lips only search me O Lord and try me and see if there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way everlasting I know that I sin daily and this is what grieves me to think it does not grieve me now - if I know my own self I do sin that sin may become exceeding sinful in my sight even as it is in the sight of my Lord and master - I know that God will not look upon the least sin with allowance and for every sin that I commit I deserve hell I know this is so but I do not see and realize it as I want to do I feel to my with one of these things I would not do that do I - and those things that I would do I have undone so with my desires those things that I would not have in my mind are continually arising there to tear down pick up and root out every good desire - and those desires and affections I would have were very weak and feeble - I know that I am composed of two bodies one spiritual and one carnal and I know that these bodies are at war with each other and often times I find the devil making this as an excuse for my coldness in the cause of Christ - I oft times hear him making the following suggestions to me so long as you are in the flesh you must expect to sin but God will not impute this to your charge for is not you that sins it is this temporal body which causes you to sin against your will - but bless the Lord O my soul that he has enabled me to see this wily adversary and has enabled me to say get thee behind me Satan for I know that the Lord has not left his work half done I know that he has spoken peace to my soul and I know to that he is able to keep what I have entrusted to him I know that he will never leave me so long as I put my trust in him whenever I grow cold in the cause of Christ it will be because I forsake him - what inconsistency it would be in man much more in the Almighty God to give his only dear begotten son who had never offended him to die for some great object and then after having accomplished that object - to turn about and overthrow it again I do not mean by this that because we have been born again and have been taken into the fold of God that we are to sit down and fold our hands and to say the Lord will take care of me no I do not find any such doctrine in the word of God I believe that when the Lord called me into his vineyard he called me to labor and if I use the means that if I use the means I shall accomplish the work that he has given me to do but if I do not use the means but sit still and cry O my lameness I shall have to answer for it at the bar of God not only this he has commanded me to fight in this holy war but thanks be to his holy name he has provided me with weapons to fight with and has told me all about the enemy that I have got to fight against - and not only this he has assured me that if I only strive I shall come off conqueror at last - O Lord enable me to put on this whole armour so that let what will come

This morning I have very peculiar feelings it seems to me that I am perfectly drunk and dead in my devotions this morning I have a more feeling than a parrot I would if you could teach him to use these same expressions so in reading the word of God I do not that I commit sin rather than received a blessing for reading it I felt no law to God and now although it is not fifteen minutes since I read a chapter in the holy bible I do not recollect a single word that I have read but still at all this I have no more doubt in acceptance with God than I doubt whether I am in the flesh or not - what shall I doubt my blessed Lord when he has done so much for me no though he slay me yet will I trust in him never will I forget his loving kindness which he has showed to me - and though he hide his face from me from this time until I sink ~~in~~ in the arms of death still will I cling to him I know that every day in my life I come far short of doing my duty but for just such short coming creature as I am Christ came to die and did die and now sits at the right hand of God to make intercessions for the saints Christ is my all and in all and without him I can do nothing yet I feel that I have a great work to do and it will be my own fault if I do not do it although I am poor as poverty and greatly in debt to my Lord and master yet glory be to his holy name that he permits me to use his vast capital every farthing of which is sure to come back bringing ten fold with it - I am not my own I have bound myself to the Lord in an everlasting covenant and there are conditions made in that bond on both sides I have given myself to God not for a day or a month but for life and have promised to do all that I can for him and his cause and should he make me the instrument in his hands of doing much good surely there is no praise due to me for I have done no more than I agreed to do or than it was my duty to do I feel this morning instead of deserving praise I deserve the lowest Hell for my ingratitude and sinfulness for I promised God if he would take me into his vineyard I would labor with all my might mind and strength yet and I have confirmed this with Bath after Bath the Lord in his infinite mercy heard my cry and spoke peace to my soul and placed me in his vineyard and now how have I paid my vows to my Saviour instead of laboring for him I have often left the camp of God and gone over on the enemy's side to fight against my God and he knows this and often times he has come even into the enemy's camp to opportunist with me crying come back O wandering soul come back to my folds I and I will beat your backslidings and love you freely but you must come in the right way for I am a God of justice as well as mercy come & come and place your petitions before me but be sure they have the signature of the Lord Jesus Christ on them and when you do come in the name of Christ I will supply my promises to you for I delight in mercy and am more ready to give you spiritual food than ever your mother was to give you nourishment from her breast in your infantile moments O what amazing love mine it tells me by any but God him self I would not believe it O Lord wilt thou pour into my soul a portion of that love which fills the bosom that I may rejoice in the and have a heaven in my soul from day to day

June 3

How uncertain is every thing this side of the grave but death
earthly riches and hours take to themselves wings and fly
away how often do we see those that in the morning were worth
there thousands at night they become bankrupt this happens in
various ways of times when the man of business is not telling
perhaps he has invested his money in the bank or safe
keeping the bank fails he has some debts out but is unable
to meet them consequently he too must fail - but glory be to
God the bank of Heaven will never fail for thieves and thieves
and frauds are never known there - so that hope the book is
just and true and cannot do any thing amiss - again it is
impossible for him to be deceived for he does not have to keep
his account upon hearsay for all hearts are open before him
and he knows our most secret thoughts better than we know
them ourselves - and O what an enormous interest God does
give to those that have investments in this bank even
in this life how he smooths the rugged paths of life what
consolations he gives in afflictions how in the midst of every
danger we are safe in his almighty hands for we shall never
meet with a single temptation but what is good for us O
what a consolation it is to the Christian to know that
every trial affliction disappointment and trying circumstance
comes from God and is all ordered for our good bless the Lord
my soul for trying circumstances for they come from my
Lord and master and I know that they are all right for
he is to just to do any thing wrong and he cannot lie so
I am assured that he does not willingly afflict the children
of men but it is for their good and O how kind this is
in our Lord to be thus mindful of us to wash over us and
when he sees it will be good for us to use the chastening rod
to bring us back to himself and all this for our own good
it will not add one whit to the happiness of God for he
is completely happy now but it is out of pure love for our
souls we who have been all our lives rebelling against him
O what amazing love is this although we have been fighting
against him month after month and year after year still he has
shown with us and given to us every blessing which we have enjoyed
and not only has he given to us every temporal but he has given us
every spiritual blessing - yes the Lord God Almighty who made all things
in heaven and on the earth who is the upholder and preserver
every thing that lives - and who can by the word of his mouth
sink every thing into nothingness from whence it came - this great and
mighty being condescends to stoop so low as to call us poor weak
feeble sinful mortals to himself and not only calls but entreats us
to come to him that we may be happy in this life and in the
life to come have life everlasting - would to God that I could feel
more love to him for his love to me - O that I could feel a greater
hungering and thirsting after righteousness at times when I get a
glimpse of my wicked heart and see how much pride there is there
I feel to exclaim O wicked man that I am who shall deliver me
from this body of sin and death for I find that pride is mixed
with all I do - even in my devotion I oft find pride striving to
rob God of his glory and my soul of its happiness at other times
when I have felt it to be my duty to warn my fellow men before
from the wrath of God pride has kept me from doing it - and if God
will enable me at times to discharge my duty in this respect the
devil will tempt me by saying you have done a good deed and God
will be pleased with you but I never deliver myself from temptation

I feel to say the Lord he is good for his mercy endureth
 for ever when I look back on my past life and see through
 what a checkered way I have then led since I came to the
 years of understanding I feel to say that the Lord is my soul
 for his kindness and tender mercies towards me - O how
 often have I been compelled as it were against my will to
 remove to a certain place - when it was first suggested to
 me I thought that nothing could nor nothing should cause
 me to go to this or that place but God who is infinite
 in mercy has so led me on through a chain of circumstances
 and events that my mind has been completely changed
 and it is with joy I now look back on those past dealings
 of God with my soul, or in all of them I can now see
 the hand of God leading me in paths I had not known
 that he might save my soul from death for had I have had
 mine own way I do believe that long ere this my body
 would have slept beneath the cold folds of the shroud
 and my soul would have been with the damned in Hell
 I am determined from henceforth to have no will of my own
 but that my will shall be lost in the will of God for I
 do know that if I put my trust in him I shall never be
 confounded and I know to that no good thing will be
 withheld from me so long as I strive to serve him I know
 that the Lord is able to keep all that I have committed to
 him and I do feel to bless his holy name that whilst I hear
 my neighbours from other ships wailing and repining over the
 dark prospects that are before them as regards getting a
 cargo of oil I feel to say from the bottom of my heart thy
 will be done O Lord not only this I feel to bless him and
 thank him that he has stretched out his hand and covered
 this sea with ice so that we cannot procure that for
 which we came for I know that this calamity will all
 work out for good - for the Lord has done it and he doeth
 all things well glory be to his holy name I know and feel
 and realize that all that is good for me the Lord will give
 to me and surely I do not want any thing beside he knows
 that I have got a wife and family and he knows that
 they need food and raiment he knows to that we long
 to see each other as glory be to his holy name he knows all
 things and will do for me better than I can ask or even think
 O Lord I this morning dedicate myself to thee anew to the
 take me just as I am with all that is near and dear to
 to me and do with me just as seems good in thy sight
 if it is consistent with thy holy will to permit me to meet
 with those that are near and dear to me on earth I will
 praise thee for it if it is best for thy glory and honor to
 take them from me or me from them thy will O God be
 done I will thank thee for it for it is the Lord and I know
 that what thou doest is for the best - this morning I feel perfectly
 reconciled to the will of God to do with me and thy will is the
 best - O what an honour it is that he who is over all Kings
 the great I am the Almighty God does condescend to stoop so
 low as to take me yet me into his kind care and keeping
 and watches over me with more care than ever a kind mother
 ever watched over her infant child and if I put my trust
 in him there is nothing that is good for me but he will give
 it to me and there is nothing that is hurtful to me but
 he will keep it from me O that a load of responsibility this takes

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I do feel to thank God that he is so kind to me and that he does enable me to realize in a measure his goodness love suffering and tender mercies towards the children of men & I do feel to thank and adore his holy name for the stupendous assurance that I have that I am his and he is mine again. I do feel to thank him for that spirit of resignation which my kind master has given me - and this I feel to be an evidence of my acceptance with God for I know that nothing in Heaven or on the earth could so change my harsh fiery excitable disposition as the grace of God has done for I do feel to thank God for having disappointed my expectations and blasted my hopes (as regards getting a cargo of bit as much as I did for any thing in my life for I know that it is for some wise purpose - as regards myself I feel that I am not my own I have been bought with a price yea I have been bought with the blood of Christ and I know that he will do nothing for me but what is right - and every thing that is good for me he will give to me & what a blessing this is to the children of God that they have such a friend to take care of them - one who is all love and is more ready to give than we are to ask - one who is all power for he is the Creator the preserver and the upholder of all things consequently we need to have any care or anxiety for our selves for the Lord watch for us and just so long as we put our trust in him we he will take care of and provide for us and no good thing will be withheld from us if we put our trust in him I am determined from hence forth to put all my trust in the Lord both in spiritual and temporal things and to search the scriptures and be governed wholly by them I am determined to have no will of my own but my will shall be brought into subjection to the will of God & Lord help for it is thou that must work in me in order that I may work out my own salvation - and do thy will in all things O what amazing love forgiveness and mercy there is in God in assisting protecting and supporting not his friends only but his enemies - when I think how awfully and willfully I have sinned against him I am lost in wonder at the love of God he has made just reasonable and righteous laws for me to abide by and has taught me the penalty of breaking those laws yet I have defied the Almighty and gone deliberately and willfully into sin and it is just as reasonable that I should suffer the penalty of my crime as it is for the thief or the murderer to suffer for breaking the laws of his country - but O what mercy there is in God for when I was lost forever lost he devised a way for my escape & what wisdom in devising a plan whereby God might be just and still the justifier of those that believe on his name one would think that after God had opened a way for my escape he had done enough go more than reasonable could expect but he does not stop here after throwing open the gates of Heaven he sends his holy spirit to invite entreat and beg of us to come in O how often did he call after me although I often grieved slighted and drove him from the door of my heart still he bore with me and oft times have I heard God saying to me then give me thy heart and just as soon as I listened and obeyed this voice God shake peace to my soul glory be to his holy name

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I feel this morning under renewed obligations to praise God for his goodness towards me for I feel that he is blessing me far above my deserts - I do feel to thank him for that spirit of resignation which he has implanted in me at times whilst contemplating now such the prospect is before me as regards getting, a voyage I feel that entire submission to the will of God which nothing but his grace shed abroad in my heart could impart - for I do know feel and realize that no good thing will the Lord withhold from me and I know too that all that is hurtful to me the Lord will withhold from me just as long as I put my trust in him so firmly is this implanted within my mind that were the Almighty to say to me ask what you will, as regards worldly riches or worldly honours and I will give them to you I should not dare to ask for a single thing for fear that in so doing I might damn my mortal soul - again the Lord has blessed me by causing me to realize that so long as I put my trust in him I shall never leave him nor forsake him and just as long as I put my trust in him he will never leave nor forsake me - it is now over a year since I dedicated myself anew to God and through this time he has been my Father in all I have been precious to my soul and I have been enabled at all times to feel my acceptance with him and it has been the constant desire of my heart to depart and leave this world of sin and sorrow and go home to my God but the Lord has given me the spirit of resignation and I have felt at all times willing to wait his time for I know that in his own good time he will take me home to himself and I feel that his time is the best - I know too that just that moment that it will be most for the glory of God and the good of my own soul and the souls of my fellow men that moment God will take me home to him to himself. O what a consolation it is to feel that I am in the hands of such a wise being, he that knows all things and has promised to impart just as much of his knowledge to me as will be good for me and truly I want no more - not only the but he is a God of power and holds the keys of death and life and not a single soul will leave this world until the Lord calls for him, he holds our destiny in his hands and is to be our final judge and O happy thought, this great this mighty this powerful God is my friend I have been reconciled to him by the blood of Christ and I know that he loves me and whatever I want he will give to me if it is good for me and surely I do not want it if it will be hurtful to me - again he is a God of love were it not for this instead of being here enjoying a hope big with immortality I should be in Hell suffering for the just deserts of my sins yes were it not for the love of God which is vast as eternity which has no end I should have been turned over to the hands of justice to suffer the penalty of my crimes O how often has justice cried to the Almighty for my soul, but the love of God has interposed and pleaded for one crying spare O spare him a little longer perhaps he will turn from the error of his ways and live yes a number of times when justice has commenced to deal those blows which were to sever the soul from the body and death and Hell were staring me in the face and devils were exulting in their supposed prey then

I just so thank and adore my Lord and master for the great things that he has wrought in my soul - for week past I have felt the weight of unbelief mixed with all my religious duties - but thank be to God he in his infinite mercy has in a measure removed my doubts and in answer to prayer I have been enabled to exercise faith in the word of God although I feel that my faith is very weak at present.

O my Lord God thoughtfully take me under his special care and guidance and remove this unbelief from me which is more cruel than death itself for it is robbing God of his glory and robbing me of much of its peace and happiness and hinders me from doing good in the world - Paul speaking of the Jews says they entered not into the promised land because of unbelief this seems to imply that in other points they were prepared but unbelief caused that chosen that peculiar people of God who had been chosen from all the nations of the earth to be forty years in performing a journey which they might have performed in eleven days had they exercised faith in God - but for want of this faith they not only tarried in the wilderness forty years but were never permitted to enter into the "goodly land" and I do believe that this same unbelief will cause many yet millions to miss the heavenly Canaan and for want of faith they will die in the wilderness of sin and be damned to all eternity - O what cause there is for us to fear - when I think that even the great apostle of the gentiles feared lest he should not enter into his rest - it causes me to ask myself where shall I appear who have done little or nothing for or in the cause of Christ excepting to bring dishonor upon it - is it possible that Paul who spent his time talents money in fact all that he had or ever should have in the cause of Christ did he who counted not his life dear unto him that he might do good in the world who went from city to city from town to town from house to house preaching the unspeakable riches of Christ and that too when he knew that stripes imprisonment and even death itself awaited him is it possible I say that he and I who have done nothing should be so calm and unconcerned O Lord God thoughtfully awaken me from this state of lethargy which I have fallen into and bring me to a sense of my duty and obligations to thee and O Lord take from me the least and the last remains of unbelief for I do know that this is a great hindrance to me in my divine life O cruel cruel unbelief I do believe that thou hast sent thousands to perdition and I do believe that many of my shipmates that set out in the Christian cause have done all that God requires excepting to believe they have felt their unworthiness and insufficiency to save themselves I believe they gave up themselves with all they had excepting unbelief and had they given that up I do think that they would now have been rejoicing in the God of their salvation instead of having drawn back into the heathen elements of the world O Lord increase my faith and enable me to die daily unto the world that the world that the world may have no more dominion over me than the body will have over the soul after it is separated from it - I do desire to have my affections placed centered in Heaven to use this world as not abusing it but to wear it as a loose garment round about me ready and willing to throw it off at any moment when my Lord and

For a few years past I have been led to think of the frailty of human nature I believe that thousands that now are in perdition fall by trusting in their own strength instead of trusting in God thus it was with Peter when he denied his Lord and master I have no doubt but he had a pure mind although he displayed a very poor memory in sadly forgetting himself and his Lord and his words although Christ had told him that before the cock should crow he would deny him yet Peter felt that this was impossible for he loved the Lord so much and felt so strong in the Lord that he felt as though if every man in the world should forsake him yet he would not the Lord saw that Peter was filled with pride and selfconfidence and in order to show him his frailty and sin he suffered him to fall and in so doing sunk him low in the valley of humiliation I believe that this is one great reason why so many that set out in the cause of Christ fall away when they are resting under the smiles of Gods reconciled countenance they feel strong in the Lord they feel that their feet is planted on the rock Christ Jesus and nothing can move them but the moment that they do not feel this exalted state of mind they begin to neglect their duty consequently they grow cold in the cause of Christ and he that a few days ago felt to say though all men forsake the yet will not I if he does not put all his trust in the Lord will surely fall probably there never was a man that felt more confident in his own strength than Peter did when he told the Saviour though all men forsake the yet will not I we see that Peter felt this for he affirmed it by saying I am willing to go to prison with you or to death but never no never will I deny thee but soon how soon did this selfconfident selfsufficient Peter mourn over his short coming and wandering from his Lord where had he trusted in the arm of the Almighty he would have been confounded - O Lord enable me to feel from day to day my dependence upon thee and may I feel that in thee is my strength - at times the enemy of souls suggest to me that I must expect to fall at times for even as Peter who loved his Lord so much and was so zealous in his cause and was in his immediate presence seeing his wonderful works and feeling his power even he felt and shall you poor short coming creature who are prone to wander as the sparks are to fly upwards what you who cannot live a single day without sinning shall you pretend to be more holy than Peter was no I do not pretend to have such things because I know in me dwelleth no good thing and I know that if the Almighty should leave me to myself I should not only with Peter deny my master but there would be no kind of sin but what I should be guilty of and I feel to give glory to God that I am what I am for it is of his loving kindness his long suffering and forbearance and tender mercies that I am permitted to enjoy a hope which is like an anchor to my soul I know from whence I received this great glorious and precious gift and I know to that he who gave me this hope is able to keep me faithful until death I know that I cannot keep myself no more than Peter could I know that I am unworthy but glory be to God Christ is worthy and through the merits of his atoning blood I shall be kept from falling and at last reign with God in glory if I will but put my whole trust in him for I know that the Lord is Almighty and is able to keep

This morning I feel a sort of a deadness and coldness whilst in my devotions whilst in prayer it seemed as though the Heaven was I trap over my head and I know that I received no blessing in answer to prayer, the reason is, not because I did not ask but because I asked amiss many times the devil suggests to me when I am in this cold lukewarm state - and says you are not to blame if you do not have those exalted feelings which you have had in days past - again he suggests to me that it is not my fault if I fall back into the world for you offer your prayers night and morning and you try all that you can to live near to God consequently if you fall some one else is to blame for you cannot blame yourself (then with deceitful Devil thron enemy of all good who is continually prowling around the door of my heart waiting for a chance to lead me from my God - but what use no odds to the now you do it if you can you get me from the path of duty but I can tell thee that before you overcome me you must go and overcome my master for he has promised me when he took me into his family that just as long as I put my trust in him I should never be confounded and just as long as I have breath I will trust him so all I have to say to you this morning is get the victory won for I want nothing to do with you - I know that by your temptations allurements and perseverance you have caused me to stumble and fall but glory be to the name of God he has helped me up again he has established my goings and has caused me to rejoice in him the God of my salvation and I know although I have treated him with base ingratitude yet God is love and he is merciful and I know that just as soon as I come to him in faith believing that moment God will be precious to my soul he will remove this cloud of darkness this coldness and deadness and cause me to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory O what a forbearing God to deal with such unrepentant and sinful creatures with so much mercy I have been led this morning to think of the happiness of the child of God enjoys in serving his Lord and master I do not mean by this the formal professor but that soul that loves where it is his privilege to live he that feels at all times that unexpressed happy frame of mind which none but the sanctified can feel - if there is a soul that enjoys life it is that one for he has a heaven every day to go to heaven in for he feels at all times let come what will to bless the name of the Lord if he is afflicted he blesses God for it for he knows it is for his good is he tempted he flies to the arms of that friend who was tempted in like manner that he might succor him when he is tempted when he is afflicted it is a great consolation to him that he is counted worthy to suffer reproach for the cause of Christ in fact place the sanctified soul where you will and in whatever situation in life you see fit and still he will glorify God still he will be happy for Christ has full possession of his soul in fact he is not his own he is the Lord's for he has entered into an everlasting covenant with him he has nothing to do with himself for he knows that he to whom he has committed himself is able and willing to keep him whilst here on earth he says I believe that it is just as much impossible for that soul to

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When I last laid down my pen after having wrote in this book I little thought it would be nine months before I took it up again and I have no reasons to give for so doing I have often thought especially on Sabbath morning this day I will write in my journal but I have not done it. I think one of the whole the greatest reason is that I have not enjoyed so much of the love of God in the soul as I did when I last laid down my pen although since I last laid down my pen I have had many yes many sweet seasons with my God I think I can truly say on reviewing my past life that I am growing in grace from day to day I do feel that I am getting nearer heaven from day to day not only as regards time but my affections are more centered in Christ I have a more calm resignation to his will I feel that what ever happens to me is for the best for I have given myself up to God and I believe that he has accepted the offering in the name of Jesus, this day has been a comfortable day to my soul I have reading and meditating of the Christians rest yet rest in heaven I have been led to think of the laboring man after having worked from morning untill night weary and fatigued he turns homeward, can it be possible that a man in his situation loathes his rest no it is with delight he lays himself down to rest and his sleep is sweet so with the Christian he labors and toils is tempted and tried has sore conflicts with the world flesh and the devil with his sinful lusts passions and desires at times his way is so hedged up that he almost despaire of ever reaching Heaven, but the thoughts of his rest when this life of toil and sorrow of disappointment and afflictions fills him with fresh courage to press onward knowing that the day of toil is of short duration and the night of rest is eternal, let us contemplate for a few moments the beggar who has been all his life begging his bread from door to door where he has obtained barely sufficient to keep soul and body together although he has persevered whilst his body pinched with cold his limbs bitten with frost his feet lacerated and bleeding by walking over rocks and frozen ground, let us consider such a one raised from want to affluence from a beggar to a King when all his want will be supplied when his every wish will be gratified let us ask such a one if rest is not sweet to Christian this is your privilege and this will be your lot if you are faithful a few days longer a few more trials a few more days of sorrow a few more tears and death shall close the scene on earth and Angels shall bear your soul to the regions of eternal rest to dwell with Angels and all the ransomed sons of God press onward then O my soul count the troubles and trials of this life as not worth mentioning O my soul why can you lie in such a groveling frame as this whilst Heaven is in view look forward a few days more when you shall quit this body of sin and accompanied by Angels you shall soar away to the regions of bliss yes my soul look forward and contemplate that moment when you accompanied by the Angelick host knock at the gates of paradise and shall hear the great Almighty God say come in thou redeemed one enter into the joy of thy Lord prepared for you through the merits and intercessions of your loved and loving Saviour and now my soul in view of this rest and this glory I charge you to magnify and exalt the name of Jesus your Saviour of God your deliverer and of the Holy Ghost that has brought these blessings to you and in view of the rock on which you have struck you know where it is keep clear from it in future and strive to keep a better book out in future trusting in the strength of your Father whilst in Heaven he will hear and he will deliver

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Whilst traveling through this wilderness of woe we pass through many
dark and trying scenes and perhaps the child of God has more of these
than the worldling for the Christian has not only trials pertaining
to temporal things but also spiritual things. The week that is past
has been a week of trials yes of great trials to me such a week
I hope never to pass again yet these have been all or most all
trials which have been locked up in my own breast unseen
by all eyes excepting the Allmighty eye of my heavenly father
yet through all of these dark seasons my Saviour has been precious
very precious to my soul I know not that he was ever more so
although I have willfully sinned against him and it is partly
owing to this that I have had these feelings of dispondency yet
I never enjoyed sweeter communion with God in all my life
I do feel to bless God that he is so mindful of me as to reprove
me when I sin against him and this is one evidence that I
have that I am his child and am no bastard although I
have felt and do feel at this time as though I would like
to go from the face of mankind into some retired lonely
unfrequented spot where no eye but the eye of God would
be upon me where no ear but his would hear my cry and
there to spend a few days in solitude methinks I should be
better qualified to mix with the world and should set a better
example before them and should cause my bretheren less care and
solitude and hard feelings on my account for I have felt in the
week that is past that I was not fit to live ~~xxx~~ I have felt
so much weighed down on account of my sins and ingratitude to both
God and man that it seems to me that if God would take me
from the world it would be a blessing to the cause of Christ
a stumbling block out of the way of the ungodly and a rock of
offence from the ranks of Christians yet in view of all this I can
say this morning I know that my Redeemer liveth I do not guess
at this but I know it - blessed be God because he lives I shall
live also and I feel to bless God to for the resurrection which I
feel to his will and I not only feel resigned to his will but I feel
to exalt and magnify his holy name that he takes so much notice
of unworthy me as to have any care or will concerning me I have
asked myself the question many times why is it that the Lord suffers
me to live why does he not turn me over to the hands of justice
with disgust the answer comes from the word of God borne on
the wings of the Holy Spirit because God is love and his mercy endureth
for ever were it not for this instead of standing here here in hand
I should be in Hell yes in Hell harsh as that sound is nothing but
the mercy and love of God has kept me from feeling its reality
this week has not only been a week of trial but it has been a week
of temptation the enemy of souls has seen the breach or gap that has
been made in the envelope of grace if I may use the expression
and has striven to enter there I have had suggestions which none but
the fiends of Hell could conceive of but that Almighty has stood in
the gap and baffled all the suggestions Satan glory be to his name
name that I still feel to press my way onwards toward the celestial
city and I feel assured that the same God that has enabled me to
overcome through this trial and temptation will carry me through
every other and at last land my soul in the blissful port of
heaven I know that I am a great sinner and I know too that
and blessed be the holy spirit for revealing it to me that I have
a great Saviour one who is vested with all power and adept to
his power he has sympathy for when he was on earth he had just into
temptations as I have had the week that is past yet I am not

Sept. 24 - 1854

It has been many months since I last wrote in this Journal. I have often resolved that I would write but have put it off of late. I have been much impressed that it was my duty to again take my pen in hand for in writing in this book I have been much blessed in days past since I last laid down my pen. I have passed through many & various scenes I have then brought to the gates of death & expected in a few hours to pass through but God in his infinite mercy saw fit to restore me to comparative health so much so that I have been enabled to attend to my worldly business although there has not been a day for the last eight months that I have been free from pain. I feel that the hand of disease will never be removed from me until it drags this body down to the grave. I feel that disease called Consumption is daily eating up my vitals. Yet with the firm belief that I must shortly die and appear before a just and Holy God to be tried for the deeds done in the body I am wallowing in sin and enmity it seems as though I never was so vile in my life as I have been since I have been Master of a vessel. I used to think that if I was only Capt. of a vessel I would serve the Lord with my whole heart. I thought that I should have so much time to read meditate write and pray that I should live continually under the smiles of Gods reconciled countenance but O this deceitful and wicked heart still clings to me and binds me down to earth and nothing but the grace & power of almighty God can keep me from sin. I find that instead of living nearer to God I have for the last seven months been growing colder and wickedder from day to day and so I expect to finish this voyage in a few days it is my prayer from day to day that the Lord would mark out the path of duty for me that he would place me in just such a situation in life as will be most for his glory and the advancement of his cause and the good of my soul. O may the good Lord interpose in my behalf and give me wisdom patience and the spirit of my Saviour to discharge my duties aright in whatever capacity I may be placed. At times I feel as though it was sinful for me to go to sea it seems to me as though the Lord had not qualified me to have the rule over men at times I think I am too harsh and severe at other times I think I grant the men too much leniency. I know that it is for the best for all on ship board that strict discipline be kept but where to draw the division line betwixt discipline & leniency is a point which but few understand and how to enforce that discipline in a christian manner I take to be one of the most difficult things in the world if we could have all well meaning men this would not be so difficult but when we have many of the very reffuge of society many who go to sea to get clear of states prison or the gallows it is a very difficult matter to know what is right at all times but properly the greatest difficulty after all is to get right and to keep right ourselves may God help

(92) Oct. 14th 1853

I have this day been looking over my journal and on every leaf I see the mercy of my God stamped it has been over a year since I last wrote in this book and O how many changes I have passed through since that time I have circumnavigated the globe passed through many dangers been brought to death door yet through all God has delivered me glory to his holy name - in the year that is passed I have committed sins of the blackest die sins that have caused Angels to weep (if there is tears in Heaven) and the fiends in Hell to rejoice but I feel, that God for Christ's sake has pardoned these sins I would not think the Angel Gabriel to come down, from Heaven to assure me of this for the holy spirit bears witness of this to my soul from day to day I have no doubt of my conversion neither do I doubt but that I should go to Heaven if I should die to day in view of my past life of my many haltings and out-breaking sins my prayer (O God) is suffer me never again to wander from the path but rather cut short thy work in righteousness and take me home to glory It seems to me smother as I dread to traverse the Ocean that it is the will of God that I should do so O may he grant me wisdom to rule my ship's company as in his fear for if I know my own heart it is my chief desire is to glorify him

Oct. 21

Through the mercy of God I am permitted to see another Sabbath day (another week has been added to my existence O how good the Lord is in sparing my unworthy life - in the week that is past I have had some sweet seasons in prayer God has met with me and blessed my soul - I love to pray when I can feel the presence of my God with me - O it is sweet when the thoughts flow freely and the heart is full of the love of God In reviewing my life in the week that is past I think on the whole that I have rather grown cold in the cause of Christ, although this morning whilst praying with my Officers at the breakfast table as it is my custom on Sabbath mornings I had more freedom than I have had since I left home thank God for this - and O may he speak through me to the hearts of this people - one of them has been with me for five years I have often seen his cheeks wet with the penitential tear - I have prayed for him a great many times but yet he is out of Christ - O God have mercy and save him for Christ's sake - O may God be very near to me this week and grant me wisdom and discretion to rule my ship's company that I may rule as in his sight that is so to rule that I shall have no remorse of conscience and that God will look with approbation upon me - O may God help me and may I this week make advancement in the divine life and

Oct. 28

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Again. I sit down to write a few lines in my journal
hoping that the Lord will bless me in so doing.
At times when I have sat down to write in this book
I have been greatly blessed. God grant that it may be
thus with thy servant this day and thy name shall have
all the glory - the week that is passed has been a week
more free from care anxiety perplexity and trouble of
every kind than any week since leaving home
yet for all this I have not made that advancement
in the divine life which I should have done
in fact I do not see that I have grown in grace
in the week that is past, but glory be to God
I do feel that Jesus is precious to my soul the one
all together lovely and the chiefest amongst the thousands
in the week that is past I have had some precious
seasons with my God in prayer - in the fore part
of the week my way seemed to be hedged up I had
no freedom in prayer the Heavens seemed as brass
over my head - I asked the Lord the cause of this
spiritual darkness I read my Bible in hopes that light
would break into my soul whilst in this frame
of mind in course of reading my Bible I came to
the unjust judge who at first would not avenge
the poor widow of her adversary yet because of her
importunity he granted her request - I was enabled
to lay hold of the precious promise that God would
avenge his own elect and that speedily - yes glory
be to God he did avenge me of my Adversary who
I believe was keeping my soul in darkness I and
O what a blessed season I had in communion with
my God glory be to his name - O if I could live
in such a frame of mind as this I would not
care if I lived there forever my willing soul would
stay in such a frame as this I and sit and sing
myself away in everlasting bliss bless the Lord O my soul
I often grieve that my lot has been cast upon the
Ocean yet there is no place that I enjoy so much
of the love of God in my soul as I do upon the
mighty deep away from the many means of grace
yet I am perplexed and tried at times to know
what my duty is as regards those that I am placed
over on ship board - I do not believe in nonresistance
neither do I believe that sailors can be governed by
love - if I am in an error O may God direct me
these are the things that at times trouble me
I oft times ask myself the question are you not
listening to the voice of the tempter are you not
led captive by the Devil at his will in this
disciplining of your crew I know that God is able
in answer to prayer so to sway this people that they
may do just right and cause me no trouble so to
be is able in answer to prayer to convert their
souls - yet I know to that God has certain general
laws and rules to govern the children of men
and he will not deviate from these to suit the
whims of men O God direct the present time

The Lord has been kind to me in the week that is past the fact that I am now writing in this book proves that I not only live but in the week that is past I have had some precious seasons to my poor soul two - in particular. It has refreshing it has to get a glimpse of the atoning Redeemer my thirsty soul drank from the wells of salvation glory to God for this religion which happyfies the soul this week has been one of trial to my soul I have been a quiddal tried with some of my crew and the greatest trial of all is to know what is my duty towards them - if the Lord will show me this I will do it regardless of consequences if I know my own heart I do want to deal justly with all mankind with my own soul and with my God I have often noticed that before I have been called to pass through any fiery trial I have had more than a common refreshing from the throne of grace so it has been with me of late last week in writing in this book I was led to bless God for the peace, quiet and harmony that prevailed this week my mind has been somewhat stirred up by the ugly steps of some of my crew towards each other this would not seeme unbecomg to the child of this world but to the Christian it is trying - were it not for these annoyances in disciplining my crew my sea life would not be one half so bad as it is I now

O may the Lord give me wisdom to rule this ships company aright so that when I come to meet them at the bar of God I shall feel that I have not wronged them in any point of view

Dec 11

Again I take my pen to record the kind dealings of God to my soul in the week that is past I fear that I am too prone to judge of my standing in the sight of God by his dealings with me both spiritually and temporally for instance when all goes smoothly on shipboard and I have nothing to perplex or vex me at these times I feel that I enjoy a good degree of the love and favour of God but at other times when troubles like a mountain rise I feel to cry out my God why hast thou forsaken me why hast thou hid thy face from me In the week that is past I have had but little to perplex me and have enjoyed a calm serene frame of mind I have not enjoyed so much of the love of God in my soul as I have done in some parts of my christian experience yet - I do feel to bless God for what I do enjoy I feel that I have a well grounded scriptural hope in the Saviour that does sustain me at all times and I expect it will do so as long as I tabernacle here below yes and glory be to God I expect that this hope will sustain me in a dying hour yes I expect that my last-expiring breath will be glory be to God for this religion that happyfies the soul

Nov 18

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Another week has gone and another sutch a week may God grant that I shall never be called to witness I have done this week what I have never done before and what I hope I never shall feel it to be my duty to do again I have tied up one of my crew in the rigging and flogged him I have done this because I thought it was my duty to do so and not through envy or malice God knows my heart and if there is any thing on earth that gives me pleasure to contemplate it is this - man by judging from outward appearances may condemn I by God looks at the heart this week that I is paped has not onley been a week of trial but a week of darkness to my soul at times I have thought that God had withheld his smiles from me because I had sined in what I had done I know not but this is the case if so may the Lord reveal it to me It has seemed to me in the week that is past if the Lord had called me to follow some other occupation besides following the sea and having the rule over men I should be very thankfull I have been praying of late to my God that if by my staying here as master of this vessel I commit more sin than I should in some other occupation that the Lord would remove me from this office either by death or sickness or in any other way that shall seem good in his sight - and I believe he will hear my prayers and give me wisdom and grace to do right for remove me from this place I & may God grant it for his name sake

Nov 25

O my soul bless God for his goodness and mercy the week past has been one of trial but bless God I have been enabled to realize that this world is not my home I can afford to endure a few trials here knowing that this probationary state will last but a short time glory be to God I feel that my home is over jordan where sorrow never comes It is a pleasing thought to me to think that these troubles that I have had to pass through I shall not have to pass through them again bless the Lord although I may have to pass through more of the same kind yet these are passed and it is with feelings of joy that so much of my pilgrimage on earth is finished bless the Lord I am nearing my home it seems to me at times I can almost see the port I cannot say to night that I desire to die but I can say that I desire that the will of the Lord should be done in all things neither can I say that I desire to be freed from all troubles but this I can say and for this I pray that the good Lord will impart to me this grace to bear me up under all circumstances & Lord draw near and thyself reveal my God hear prayer and send thy Holy spirit to guide & protect

Time flies, eternity hastens. O my soul you will soon
be freed from this tenement of clay you will soon
where eternal ages will be spent either in praising God
in the blissfull port of Heaven or in wailing and
mourning with the damned in perdition
now my soul come up, before the bar of conscience
and let me examine your state and standing
to night before God - and now my Father who
art in Heaven hear my prayer and enable me to
pass an impartial judgment in this trial
and now my soul as you profess to be an heir
of Heaven what claims have you to this title -
how do you know that your title is clear and that
you are a child of God - is it merely becaus your
name is written in the books of the Church militant
or do you know that your name is written in the
Lamb's Book of life - if so how do you know it -
does your daily life and conversation correspond with
your professed attachment to the Saviour
are you following him as some did of old for
the lobase and fishes, or in other words are you following
him for mere selfish motives without any regard to
the glory of God - are you willing to tonight to
have your all in the hands of this great being to whom
you profess this attachment and to say from the heart
thy will O God be done - are you willing that the cold
hand of death should be laid upon you this night
and you go into the presence of that God who knows
your secret thoughts as well as your actions and words
and who is to pass sentence upon you which
never no never can be revoked

Answer to these questions remembering
that the eye of God is upon you
My answer is I was not born an heir of Heaven
I was born in sin and in sin did my mother conceive
me but one called Jesus had a great kingdom in
fact he possessed Heaven and earth this Jesus saw
my lost condition he had pity upon me and
sent one of his servants called the Holy Spirit to show
me my lost and undone condition and to tell me
if I would love and follow him he would adopt
me into his family and thereby I should become
an heir of his kingdom - I did not see this spirit
that conveyed this Heavenly message neither do I see
the wind that is driving my ship through the water
but I see and feel the effects of that wind
so to I saw and felt the effects of that Heavenly
messenger glory to God - besides this messenger he gave
me his written word in which there were certain
evidences by which I should know ^{which} he accepted me
as his son or not - some of these evidences are these
that my affections would be entirely changed that I
should hate the things I formerly loved and love the
things I formerly hated - Instead of the ball room
and theatre I should chose the house of prayer
instead of the worldly and vicious I should chose
for my companions those that love and serve the Lord

to sum up all of these promises in a few words,
he told me that every affection, and disposition
would be so thoroughly changed that I was a new-
creature I had been born again not of flesh, but
of God and consequently can claim an heirship
of Heaven through the blood of Christ.
For all of these evidences I have felt glory to God.
I do not trust to my profession, neither because I
have a good standing in the Church or with Gods
people - Judas had this but he was a child of Hell
my whole trust is in the merits of that Jesus
that left his fathers throne in Heaven and came
to this earth and on Calverys mount poured
out his precious blood for a guilty world.
I know that I am his child, because his spirit
witnesseth with my spirit, that I am his and
he is mine at times when he reveals himself to
me in this way I would not thank the highest
Angel in Heaven to assure me that I was
one of Gods people. No for I feel just as well
assured of it as though the Almighty should speak
to me as he did to Moses out of the bush and
say your name is written in the Lambs book of life.
I confess that my daily life does not correspond with
my profession. Yet I can call God to witness that I
desire and strive to serve him - yes glory be to God
I can say with crying Peter Lord thou knowest all things
thou knowest that I love thee above every thing
on earth and am determined to serve thee come
life come death - at times I feel that I
am too selfish in my motives in serving
God, for there is nothing in this world that gives
me so solid enjoyment such pure happiness
such true peace as the manifestations of God
to my soul in these seasons the earth loses all
of its charms and it seems to me for to die would
be gain I love my wife as well as mortal can
I love my child I love my mother I love my
sister but at these times in particular I love
my God better than all - and I fear at times
I desire this Heavenly influence more for the
pleasure gratification of present enjoyment than
I do for the glory of God.
I feel that it would be a sorrowful thing to exchange
worlds to night to commence to live in that world
where death will never come to mar the happiness
of the just or to close the misery of the damned.
I feel as though this is something I have nothing
to do with I have consecrated myself to God and
am waiting his time when he comes I trust
he will give me strength and grace to say thy will
O Lord be done my God thou knowest that trials
the temptations the perplexities that beset me
as master of this ship O may thy grace be sufficient
for me and wilt thou keep me from sin
but shouldst thou see that the temptations would be
too much for my frail nature O cut short thy
work in righteous and take me from time into the eternal
world O my God hear prayer and thy name shall have the glory

I feel to bless the name of God that I still live and enjoy
 so many temporal blessings for these far exceed my expectation.
 I feel under great obligation to God for the peace, good order
 and quietness that reigns on board of this vessel
 and more and most of all for the peace that dwells in
 my soul O my God glory be to thy Holy name
 although my peace and enjoyment is nothing to what it
 should be yet thanks be to God for these crumbs of grace
 O may they ~~they~~ be increased untill my soul shall feast
 itself in the Lord. It is often remarked that there is no
 halting for the pilgrim on earth the Christian is either
 going forward in the divine life, or drawing back into
 perdition I feel that on examining myself that I
 am not making advancement in the cause of Christ
 that I am not overcoming my easily besetting sins
 that I do not hunger and thirst after righteousness more
 than I did three months ago then I had some precious
 seasons in prayer with my family and I have some sunset
 seasons now with my God but on the whole I think that
 they are not so frequent as formerly if any thing I think my
 prayers are becoming more cold and formal than they were
 when I sailed in this ship O for a deeper work of grace in
 my heart God of mercy hear prayer and send the power
 I do not think that the good Lord will suffer me to wander
 entirely away for it has been my prayer for months
 before I sailed in this ship and has been my daily prayer
 since that the Lord would never suffer me to wander
 from him again but if he sees that the temptations
 that beset this frail mortality are too much for
 it to bear he will cut short his work in righteousness
 and take me home to himself I believe that so
 long as this is the desire of my heart and the
 sincere daily prayer of my lips that God will hear
 and answer O may he grant it for his name sake
 I have been reading the 7th Chapⁿ of Romans and have
 had much and have had much pleasure in perusing Barnes
 notes on that chapter I can say with this great Apostle of
 the gentiles that what I do I do not and what I desire
 to do I do not Paul says it is no more I that do
 these things but sin that dwelleth in me I find a law
 in my members warring against the law of my mind
 and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin
 which is in my members I feel to cry O wretched
 man that I am there is none that can deliver me
 from this body of death but the Almighty
 God grant that I may not press this voyage to far
 so as to make this carnal nature a choke for my
 sins - but will the Lord enable and incline me to
 wage a continual warfare with sin flesh and
 the Devil may I not harbor or cherish any secret
 sin but will the Lord God Almighty aray all my
 sins up before me that I may see them in the
 light of Eternity and that they may appear in
 my sight as they do in the sight of God

O Lord draw near unto thy servant at this time and help me to draw near unto thee and thy name shall have all the glory and my soul shall have peace. I do feel to bless God this morning for the comforting influence of the Holy Spirit in my soul. glory be to God. I feel that this earth has no charms for me compared with the glory that shall be revealed to my soul. I feel happy in the Lord to day bless God for it this is one of the days that my ^{soul} pants after. I can say not as David did that his soul panted after God as the thirsty Hart panted after the water brook - but I can say my soul has found that fountain this morning. I and has been permitted to drink from its healing waters. O my God thou art good - thou art merciful - thou art all together lovely and the chiefest amongst tens thousands to my soul this morning the world with its riches honours and pleasures sink into nothingness whilst contemplating the love of God and that crown of glory laid up in Heaven for those that seek thy face and favour - blessed be God this crown is not obtained by merit if so my poor soul would never obtain it but would sink to endless despair in the regions of Hell. If there is one soul that has reason to bless God more than another it is my soul for I have not only had the great but common blessings of mankind but the especial blessing and interposition of God and that times without number and if I should make shipwreck of faith and lose my soul I should sink deep in the Ocean of Gods wrath for of him to whom much is given much is required. O my God my trust is in thee my waiting eyes are unto thee keep me by thy spirit through thy truth for thy word is truth - through the week that is past I have experienced much of thy goodness both spiritually and temporally. glory be to God for the precious seasons that I have had in prayer and in studying thy Holy word and contemplating and meditating of thy goodness to me - thou hast heard and answered my prayer in temporal things peace and quiet and good order reigns in our midst thank God for this. O my soul be on thy guard for past experience has taught me that in these seasons of especial manifestations of Gods great trials await thee this has often been the case and now Almighty God prepare me for what thou art preparing for me wheather it be sickness temptation or persecution or death Lord stand by me I ask no more but of these things I do not fear so much as I do prosperity for I have ever found that affliction tends to soften the heart and bring me near to God whilst prosperity tends to draw the affections from God. O my Saviour permit it not to be so with thy servant but if thou shalt see fit to bless us with the riches of the deep & give thy servant a heart of thankfulness and whilst the busy cares of life press hard upon me O permit me not to wander from thee but keep me by thy almighty power and the riches of thy grace and to the Father Son and Holy Ghost I will render all the praise Amen.

Dec. 21

through the mercy of God I am permitted to see the last
sabbath of another year - one year ago I little thought that
I should be permitted to see this day on the shores of time
for the hand of disease was then laid upon me and it
was thought by my friends that the day of my dissolution
was drawing nigh - I but glory be to that God who raised
me from a bed of sickness and has permitted me to see
this day under circumstances of so much mercy.
I would cry from the bottom of my heart bless the Lord
& my soul for what he has done for me temporally and
spiritually for this has been a year in which the Lord has
wonderfully manifested himself to me I think I have
realized as much or more of the presence of God in the
twelve months that is passed as I ever did in all of my
life and bless his holy name I feel that through the
influences of his Holy Spirit I have been made a better
man a more consistent Christian a more devoted follower
of the meek and Holy Jesus I feel that my hopes and
prospects for Heaven grow brighter and brighter and as
I near the eternal world I feel more and more desirous
that the will of God should be done in all things
it is true at times I feel that darkness and gloom surround
me and I feel almost inclined to give up my hopes
of Heaven it seems that one so cold indifferent and
careless as I am can never dwell with a pure and holy
God who cannot look upon sin with allowance
again I look away from my own imperfections and look
to a perfect Saviour who died to redeem me from
my sins though I am unworthy Christ is worthy
glory be to his holy name he sits at the right hand
of majesty on high to intercede for unworthy me
and I believe that when the icy hand of death
is laid upon me and my soul takes its flight
from this tenement of clay that this same compassionate
Jesus will send some heavenly messenger to convey
this soul of mine to the regions of everlasting life
I know that nothing impure or unholy can enter heaven
I know too that the same God who made me and
who has preserved me from my infinite moments
untill the present time can cleanse me from all
impurity and fit me for that holy place
and I believe that if I persevere in my efforts to
reach Heaven he will bless my feeble endeavours although
they are mixed with imperfections and I shall at
last dwell with that Holy Jesus who laid down
his life to purchase my redemption O God enable me
if my life shall be spared to see it to consecrate myself
henceforth to the on this coming year and I grant that it
may be the happiest year of my life a year in which
I shall be made the humblest instrument in thy hand
of doing some good in the world I grant that if I
shall ever reach Heaven I may see souls there that have
been saved through my instrumentality God of mercy hear
prayer and grant that thy servant may deal justly
and honestly with all mankind and with the my God.

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O Lord I do desire to be thankful for the many blessings
that thou hast conferred upon me surely goodness
and mercy have followed me all the days of my life
although thou art at this ^{time} disappointing my expectations
and the expectations of my crew yet I know and
feel that it is all for the best why it is I cannot
tell but thou knowest and that is enough
to be contented O my soul to trust your all in the
hands of God - I look back upon past scenes and
think how many dark adverse scenes you have
been called to pass through yet through all or most
all you have been enabled to see the merciful hand
of God and what you thought to be your greatest calamity
has proved your greatest blessing Lord enable me to
trust in thee at this time I have come here expecting
to find whales in abundance but thus far have been
disappointed have taken or seen nothing
I feel to thank God although disappointed I in not finding
whales yet in the week that is passed I have enjoyed my
mind to a good degree Christ has been precious to my
soul I have had some freedom in secret prayer
in reading the life and labours of the Rev. Jeremiah
Hallock I trust God has blessed my soul and I have
been enabled to see my own unworthiness and short
comings God grant that I may profit by what I
have read and felt in the week that is passed
O for a heart to love him more and serve him
better glory be to God for this religion which can
bear the soul up under all circumstances
There is some indications of dissatisfaction and
rebellion with a part of my crew O God give me
wisdom to do right and to rule as in thy fear
not to tirenize over these men but to keep them
in due subjection bearing in mind that I have
got to meet them at the bar of God and there
with them to give an account for the deeds done
here in the body O God be pleased to guide and
direct me in all that I shall do and say
that thy blessing may rest upon me that thy Holy
Spirit may rest upon and comfort me whilst I
perform this voyage and through all the voyage of life
O my God disappoint me if thou shalt see it is for
the best in my endeavours to procure the riches of
this world take from me those dear ones at home
strip me of all my earthly possessions lay me on
a bed of sickness languishing and death in a word
do what thou wilt with me but take not thy
Holy Spirit from me O give me Jesus I ask no
more for with him I am rich though I suffer
for the comforts of life but without him I am
poor though I possessed the gold of California
O my God whatever I may desire if thou shouldst
see that it would be hurtful for me in mercy I
pray thee to withhold it from me and give me
nothing but what thy blessing will rest upon
and O lead me in that straight and narrow path which
leads to Heaven Amen

I feel to bless the good Lord for that peace that I
have enjoyed both in body and mind in the week that is
passed. I think I have not enjoyed a more profitable
week to my soul since I left home than this has
been. glory be to God for all that he has done and
is still doing for unworthy me. last sabbath I anticipated
trouble from some of my crew yet the Lord in mercy
has dispelled this dark cloud and all is peaceful and
quiet to God be all the praise. another week is passed
and I have not seen any whales here I am where
I expected to find them in a bundence yet not a whale
is to be seen and the prospect of losing a years time
is staring me in the face. I am astonished at myself
to see how calmly the Lord enables me to meet this
disappointment. glory be to his name for it - I cannot
at present see any reason why the Lord is dealing thus
with me but of this I am fully assured that it is for
some wise purpose - I have no more doubt of this than I
have of my existence - the Lord has called me to perform
this voyage of this I am fully assured I did not intend
when I returned from my last voyage ever to go again
but it was impressed upon me that it was my duty
I then made it a subject of serious earnest prayer
and for months it appeared to me that the Lord was calling
and I must obey it was not because I was necessitated
to go for God had blessed me with a competency but
still for all this much as I dreaded to go mightily as
I tried to the Lord I found no peace untill I had
pledged myself to take charge of this vessel
and as yet I have had no reason to regret that I
have come for most of the time I have had great
peace of mind and a large degree of peace on
shipboard more so than I have ever seen since I have
been to sea and if ever I witnessed the power and
manifestation of Gods presence towards me it has been
since I left home. glory be to his holy name
It is true I feel anxious about a voyage but if my
heart does not deceive me it is more on account of
those that are with me than on my own account or the
owners. I know by observation that where a ship does
moderately well (I say at least) that men are better contented
and more easily to get along with them in peace
than it is where they are doing as to getting a voyage
this is one great reason why I wish to get well on their
account another reason is they deserve it for if there
is any class of men that earn their money it is
the whalers that come to these icy regions
they suffer more than any class of men that I know
of both with wet cold and privations of many
kinds will the Lord bless them and ameliorate their
condition both spiritually and temporally - Another reason
why I desire to procure a voyage is I profess to be a
child of God and to abstain from sabbath whaling
from conceited motives my prayer is that all that do
this may be abundantly blessed yet Lord bless me in the
respect that thy name may be glorified and thine if it will
be for thy sake take it all away and me with it thy will be done

The two weeks that is passed has been weeks of great dejection of spirits with me - never to my recollection have I passed so lengthy a dejection of spirits or such a season of spiritual darkness to my poor soul as I have done in this time O my God, why is it - what is the cause - it seems to me that the heavens were brass over my head that my prayers could not reach the courts of the most High. but I do not wonder that God does not listen to such prayers for they are so mixed with unbelief - heart wanderings - and imperfections that it seems to me as though it would take all the efficacy of the Redeemers blood to wash away the sins that I commit in my acts of devotion. At times I think that God is frowning upon me because I do not so live before my crew as to recommend the religion which I profess. I know that I commit sins in this respect I feel that I have not that spirit of humility, patience, forbearance and forgiveness which I ought to have. I do not preach Christ and him crucified by my daily walk and conversation O my God have mercy I find in examining myself that the delight which I formerly had in reading Gods Holy word is in a great degree departed from me - formerly in perusing the word of God my whole soul was drawn out in love to him. But now as morning and evening I read a portion of scripture I do not feel those emotions of joy and peace I do not see so many precious promises I cannot apply them to myself as I formerly could. It seems to me if God would take me from time to eternity it would be a blessing to the world for then I should no more dishonor him by an ungodly life whilst I professed to love him with all my heart and I know not but it would be a blessing to my soul for it seems to me I am growing more hardened in sin every day I live O my God if this be the case if thou seest that by prolonging my existence I shall only add wrath against the day of wrath O in mercy hear my prayer and cut short in righteousness and take me from time into the eternal world for thou knowest O Lord that I have sins enough already to answer for without adding more to that pile which has like Babels tower reached almost to the Heavens. O my God thou hast once spoken peace to my soul I know it I should not be any more assured of it if God Almighty should speak to me as he did to Moses and assure me of it - but Lord I have wandered from the I have brought shame upon my soul and disgrace upon thy cause but O in mercy show pity and forgive and lead me in that narrow path which terminates in glory. O Lord if thou shalt see that my being master of this vessel hinders my growth in grace O be pleased to remove by sickness or in some other way shalt see fit and thou shalt have all the glory.

Again Lord as I sit down to commit my thoughts
desires and hopes upon this journal O Lord will
thou draw near and enable me to be faithful to my
soul I want Lord to put my whole self into this
journal so that I can see my whole soul from day
to day I want this journal to be to my soul what
a mirror is to my face as I look into it
the past two weeks I have been weeks of disappointment
and such disappointment as I never witnessed before
we have seen a great many whales and have struck
up the least calculation five hundred bbls of Oil but
have not saved one drop of it—for this I do not feel to
murmur no not in the least for I know it is Gods
doings but why it is is a question which God has
not as yet answered as yet although I have often
prayed to be enlightened—this much I know God
has some important end in view I have felt at times
that God was calling upon me to hold religious meeting
on board but after carefully and I trust impartially
examining the subject I have come to the conclusion
that it would not be for the best I do not feel as
though it was my duty—again I have thought it
was because I did not set such an example before my
ships company, as it is my duty to do of this I feel
strongly impressed for some time but more so since the
Lord has come amongst us and took one of our number
from time into the eternal world without one moments
warning God called him hence little did I think
when that young man left the ship to go in pursuit
of whales that I should never see his face again
in the flesh the moment I heard of his death the
thought came to my mind have I done my duty to
him I feel to plead guilty before God for neither
by precept nor example have I held up a rege-
nate behaviour O my God be pleased to forgive me and array
before my mind this with all of my sins that I
commit against a holy and just God O enable me to
see myself in the light of Eternity that I may be led
to abhor my sins and cleave to the Lord with full
purpose of heart to this end Almighty God wilt—thou
sanctify this dispensation of thy providence towards me
I know not how long the Lord will contend with this
people or with his servant I have thought of late that
God was about to call the Master of this Ship to the
eternal world if so Lord help me to say Amen the
will of the Lord be done I do not feel that desire
to depart and be with Christ which I have done in my
life the reason is I do not enjoy that degree of religion
which I have done in times past I know that there has
been and still is a hanging back from duty I am not
willing that God should have my whole heart soul
and body I am not willing that my will should
be lost and swayed up in the will of God O thou
King of Kings all things are possible with thee come
O Lord and display thy almighty power in subduing the
will of mine and thou shalt have all the glory Amen

Feb. 23rd

This morning thanks be to God I have had a precious season in prayer both in my state room and with my Officers at the breakfast table the good Lord was pleased to meet with me and gave me freedom in prayer all worldly thoughts fears desires and cares were removed from my heart and Christ was all and in all O how good it is to be thus blessed with the presence of the Saviour no wonder the child of God exclaims my willing soul would stay in such a frame as this and sit and sing itself away in everlasting bliss - for as the weary traveler in the desert desires rest and a draught of water from the gushing fountain to quench his thirst and cool his parched tongue so the spiritual traveler in the deserts of sin desires a draught from the fountain of Gods love - such a draught my soul has had this morning Glory be to God.

Why is it that the Lord has thus blessed my soul surely it is not on account of my deserts for although I have been praying for this for days and weeks yet I have had no reason to expect that prayers would be answered for the inconsistencies of my life have so arisen betwixt me and my God that my prayers could not pass by them I know that God is a prayer hearing God but if we indulge in sin God cannot consistently bless us.

I have felt for weeks past that there is an inconsistency in my dealings with my crew as master of this ship I do not sit such an example before my crew as I should do I do not show forth that spirit of meekness forbearance mildness of temper and sympathy for my crew which God requires of his children although thanks be to God I do believe that God has enabled me in some measure to break off from these easily besetting sins but there is still so much that is sinful and inconsistent in my life that it seems to me at times that it would be a mercy in God to take me from time into the eternal world and thus remove a stumbling block out of the way of the ungodly - I do not mean to reflect any thing upon God for I know that it is my sins that have separated me from him - God is unchangeable the same now that he was fifteen years ago when he spoke peace to my soul glory be to his holy name for that happy hour and for the many happy days and weeks that I have enjoyed since I have one desire if I make shipwreck of faith and miss the port of heaven and that is that on my way to Hell I may be permitted to stop before the throne of God and thank him for the peace joy and happiness that I have experienced in years that are past in his service O my God in this time of disappointment when my earthly expectations are blasted O be near thy servant to guide direct uphold and sanctify I ask no more amen

Mar. 16
Still I live this sabbath day find me in the land
or rather on the Ocean blest with health and
strength O my God what shall I render unto thee for
all my many blessings and mercies that I experience
from thy hand - since I last laid down my
pen I have had some precious seasons to my
Soul - blest be God that he does at times meet with
me and revive my drooping spirits - why does he
do this not because I am worthy not on account
of the fervency of my prayers for I feel that
for every prayer that I have offered of late I kneel
that the Almighty God should exercise his pardoning
mercy for the coldness and indifferance heart wandering
and want of fervency with which they have been offered
I know that the fervent prayer of faith will prevail
with God I know that God is bound to answer the prayer
of such as cry mightily unto him I do not mean by
this those that make the most noise for so far as my
experience goes the most fervent effectual and prevailing
prayers that I have ever uttered have been those when
my heart has been so full that my lips have been
sealed O the happiness the joy and peace of those moments
when with hands clasped & eyes upturned to Heaven
although the lips were sealed I have poured out my
whole soul to God I have cried mightily unto him
and peace has flowed into my soul like a river
at such times as these I do not wonder that God hears
and answers prayer for he is bound by his word to do
so and he cannot lie but when coldness and deadness
prevade the soul then is the mercy power and love of
God most manifested to his erring children this has
it been with me for weeks past although spiritually
dead God in mercy from time to time meets with
me and blesses my soul O how refreshing this is no
traveler in the burning deserts ever enjoyed a draught
of cooling water to quench his thirst more than my
poor soul has enjoyed these refreshing manifestations
of Gods love - glory be to God not only that the seasons
are granted to me but that they come at such
seasonable moments when I am sunk to the very
bottom of the pit of dispondency and my poor soul
is about to bet go of the last strand that keeps it
from sinking in the gulf of dispondency at that
critical moment when hope has spread her wings and
is about to depart then Mercy streaming Mercy is seen
in the distant horizon burn out the wings of love with a
message of peace from the throne of God to my soul
then darkness, dispondency and doubt disappear from my
soul then joy enters yet glory be to God it is joy that
cannot be described it is Angels joy it is a foretaste
of that joy which the redeemed shall partake of without
any alloy or diminution in the kingdom of God
I have many times thought in these seasons when
God was manifesting himself to my soul that if I
could only be as happy all of the time throughout
eternity as I was then I would ask no more
in fact my finite mind could conceive of no more
happiness than I then enjoyed O God ever thus bless me Amen

It is now three weeks since the pen has been employed
to record the kind dealings of my God to my soul
since that time his mercies have been abundantly
showered upon me - I know that I have abused
his goodness I have limited the power of Omnipotence
I have said in my heart I cannot serve the Lord
with all of my might mind and strength
whilst I have charge of this ship and of these
men that compose my crew but reason my
conscience the word of God all give the lie
to this assertion for there is no situation or honest
calling in life but the soul may glorify God
and make progress in his journey to heavenward
In reviewing my life and the state of my mind
for the past three weeks I think I can truly say
I have made some progress in the divine life
I know not that my hopes of Heaven are any
stronger or my evidence of my acceptance with
God are any brighter but I do know my
desires to be conformed to the will of my Father
in Heaven has increased glory to God for this
it has been my fervent prayer for days past
that the Lord would teach me my whole duty
both in spiritual and temporal things
as master of this ship I am often tried and perplexed
to know what my duty is - God knows that
my desire and aim is to do right by both God
and man - and I do feel to bless his holy
name for the peace and quiet that reigns on
board of this ship O may the good Lord still
take the lead of my heart and enable me so
to rule that I may have a clear conscience
before God and man - I have thought much of
the duty as a christian towards my crew
I have often asked myself if it were not my duty
to hold religious services on board - I see many
difficulties in the way I am the only one on
board that makes a profession of religion but
God is able with a worm to thrash or remove
mountains - another reason why I have not done
this is this I believe it is requisite for the good
of all concerned that the strictest discipline should
be maintained on ship board and this duty falls
almost wholly upon the master and I have noticed
in ships that I have been in where religious
meetings have been held on board that the
Devil has used this necessary discipline (as I think)
to spoil the effects of religion but still for all
this I have seen much good done through these
means of grace on ship board yes glory to God
I have seen souls converted to God there and
they still show by their consistent lives that
the work of grace is genuine and I have no
doubt if I am only faithful I shall at last
meet them in glory some of them have
already passed the cold streams of Jordan
O my God in view of these things direct thy servant
show me my duty and thy will shall be my will

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Through the mercy of God I am again permitted to take
my pen in hand to write in this journal O may
the good Lord direct my thoughts and guide my pen
and may the Holy Spirit rest upon me as I attempt
to meditate of the dealings of God with my soul
for the last three weeks I have been much in the
state of the Laodiceans neither hot nor cold but in
a lukewarm state - such a state I feel to be the
most dangerest of any that the children of men are
subject to for whilst I in this state they enjoy no communion
with God for of such he has said that they were so loathsome
to him that he will spew them out of this mouth
in the world they enjoy not even the momentary pleasure
which the votary of pleasure finds in serving the God
of this world there profession hangs so heavily upon them
that they cannot run with alacrity in the ways of
the ungodly who make no pretensions to religion
there broken vows and covenant promises so charrefs
their minds that they are like the wave of the Ocean
continually tossed to and froe finding no peace nor rest
O my God hear prayer and arouse me from this tepid
state of stupor and inactivity and enable and help me
to put on the whole armor of God that I may be
able to stand in the day of temptation for I feel that
that day is near at hand and if I ever kneeded the grace
and assistance of my God it is at the present time
O Lord thou knowest the sins that I have committed
both of commission and omission in days that past
and as I expect soon to be in a foreign port where
I have been most tempted, and tried and have committed
some of the most agravated sins of my life O my Father
send thy Holy Spirit to rest upon and abide with me
that I may be kept by the Almighty power of God
O grant me these favours for Christ the dear Redeemer
sake and not unto me no Lord for I am unworthy but
unto thy name be all the glory world without end Amen
I feel to bless God although I feel no special dealings of God
with my soul yet the light which he has implanted
within me has not become wholly extinct no glory be
to his holy name that he has not removed the
candlestick out of its place that it does still give
a glimmering though feeble light to light me on through
this world of sin and vanity to the Celestial City
O grant Lord to fan this spark to a flame let a
gentle breeze of grace from thy throne be wafted by the
Holy Spirit to my heart to illuminate my mind
purify my desires and strengthen my weak graces that
it may be with me as in days past when the
glorious light of Gods countenance rested upon me
and his service was all my delight and to see his
caus and kingdom built up upon the earth was the
greatest desire of my heart O Lord for jesus sake create within
me a longing desire for a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost
and give to me wisdom discretion and place thy fear
before my eyes that I may rule my ships company in
such a way and manner as will meet with thy approbation

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Again after five weeks have passed away again I take my pen in hand to record the kind dealings of God to my soul. O what a mercy it is that I have God to deal with instead of man. for I had I ~~tr~~ treated man with the same ingratitude that I have God especially for the past three weeks that I have been in port he would have spurned me from his presence and banished me forever from his ~~presence~~ sight — but not so with my God for although he knows my most secret thoughts and has witnessed my heartwornings and wilful sins against him yet he does not cast me off. no glory be to his holy name, I have the evidence in my heart this morning that I am not given up of him to walk in my own ways, and to follow the inclinations of my own wicked heart.

O my God I thank thee for that sorrow which I feel in my heart. God grant that it may be purgent that it may lead to that sorrow that kneels not to be repented off. Almighty God wilt thou this day bless my soul wilt thou just now pour into my poor soul the joys of thy salvation. O my God this day wilt thou give unto me a fresh baptismal of the Holy Ghost and cause my soul to rejoice in the with thy unspeakable and full of glory.

I do feel to bless God although I have been sinful and have done things that are inconsistent as a professed follower of Christ yet glory be to his holy name he has kept me from those sins that would cause me to blush and hang my head if known by my earthly friends yet glory be to his holy name although severely tempted and tried I have done nothing but what I would be willing for my nearest and dearest friends on earth to know — My greatest sin has been a striving to deceive my fellow men as ~~the~~ regards goods that I have for sale but leaving them under the impression that they cost more than they actually did. O how many has the enemy of souls dragged down to perdition through the love of gold. God be praised that I did not succeed in disposing of my goods as I anticipated although I am some twelve hundred dollars poorer, than I anticipated yet if the Lord will sanctify it to the joy of my soul I shall be richly compensated for the loss. — At times when I see how easily I am led away the thought arises in my mind can it be possible that one so vile so prone to wander so easily overcome has ever been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. it seems to me if I could only go away into some obscure part of the world and shut myself out from the world and the face of man I could serve the Lord with full purpose of heart — but upon reflection I know that if my heart is not right towards God I shall not be happy whether I may be but if my heart is right all will be well whether in the wilderness or amidst the busy cares of life.

O my God be pleased to impart to my soul that grace that will enable me to rejoice at all times and under all circumstances whether it be in the sanctuary or in the Lion's den in the midst of friends or with those fiends in human shape who exult in torturing the child of God and rejoice in his agonies and sufferings.

June 28
Four weeks of mercy have passed since I last wrote in this Journal methinks I could I see and realize my life for this short space of time as the Holy God sees it I should abhor myself for my sinfulness and ingratitude to a kind God who has spared my worthless life to the present time the past three weeks have been weeks of great disappointment it has been a season in which I have been sorely tried would to God I could say that in the midst of these trials I had not willfully sinned but I feel that the cares of life the anxiety to procure Oil has too much engrossed my attention and weaned my affection from God for the past few days I have to all human appearance seen a great chance to procure Oil but through the mismanagement of some and the lack of judgment in others I have been disappointed - It has perplexed my mind somewhat to know wheather the Lord has had any thing to do with this ill success or not it does seem to me that it is hardly right for us to attribute our ill success to an overpleasing providence when it is wholly through mismanagement did I know that it was the work of God to hedge up my way methinks I could be reconciled to it for I know that the Lord seeth not as man seeth and he doeth all things well glory be to his holy name for what he has done for unworthy me O may he still continue to bless my soul it is the desire of my soul that if the Lord sees that adversity is best for me that he will still continue to hedge up my way disappoint my expectations and ruin my prospect for worldly gain O my God in all thy dealings with thy servant be pleased to have an eye to thy glory and the good of my soul I feel to thank God that for two or three days past my mind has been more calm than it has for some weeks previous I have had more freedom in prayer and I trust more reconciled to the will of God I have been asking myself of late why it is that I so much desire to procure Oil if I know my own heart it is not for the sake of gain so much as it is to do as well as my neighbors my greatest trial is that my ships company (or some of them) do not manage properly in other words they are no whalers I think the Lord has given me grace to bear up under misfortune did I not see whales or did they not show a chance to catch them I would not find any fault but for mismanagement I cannot help feeling much hurt O may the Lord enable me to do right and to glorify him - dear Lord deepen the work of grace in my heart that in all circumstances that I may be placed in life this sustaining grace and sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit may sustain support and comfort me O God keep me from sin be pleased to impart unto me the assurance that thy grace shall be sufficient for me - I would not dare to ask God unconditionally to alter his dealings with me in a worldly point of view for fear that in so doing I might be praying for curses instead of blessings for I know that under afflictions and disappointments the child of God often finds his greatest blessings O my Father who art in Heaven be pleased to look upon me with an eye of pity and may thy rod and thy staff comfort me to my Journeys end

Through the mercy of God I am permitted to see this beautiful
sabbath morning & since I last laid down my pen various
have been the scenes that I have been called to pass
through my soul has been pained to see the spirit of
dissatisfaction manifested in my Officers I have been
sorely perplexed by their mismanagement and fear that
I have done wrong in the severe reproof that I have
administered to them O my God forgive and give
me grace to do right by all
For several days past I have felt more than usual the knees
of a deeper work of grace in my heart and it has been
my daily prayer that the Lord I would show me myself by the
Gospel I lamp my sinfulness and shortcomings I know
that God works by means and I feel assured that if
I could only see myself in the light of eternity
I should be led to abhor my sins and fly to the
outstretched arms of bleeding mercy and cry I yield I yield
it has been my daily prayer for days that are past
that the good Lord would roll upon me conviction for
all of my sins and give me that godly sorrow that
leads to repentance that kneels not to the repentance of
O my God thou knowest me all together thou knowest
just what is best for me O be pleased according to
thy abundant knowledge and the plenitude of thy
tender mercies to pour out thy spirit and revive thy
work of grace in my heart O Lord be pleased to
work in thine own way and by thine own means but
Lord work I know that disappointments and afflictions
though cropping to the flesh are often the richest blessings
that God bestows upon his people O Lord without any
regard to the flesh or carnal nature may thy rod
or thy staff guide thy servant through all the
journey of life I long for the time to come when
I shall be free from this besell for I do feel that
as a professed follower of the meek and holy Jesus I
set a very poor example I know that my leaving
this besell will not make my heart any better but
by retiring to private life my influence and example
would not be so sensible felt as it is now
I have great reasons to bless God for the peace quiet
and good order that prevails on board of this ship
although there is some things that do not go to my
mind yet I feel more dissatisfied with myself than
with any or all of my crew I feel that I am not
competent for the station which I occupy
I love the Ocean and feel that a sailor's life is the
for me but still I feel that it is for the honor
of God that I stay upon the land and I think
that if I ever get back to my native land I
will stay where I can have the benefit of the
preached Gospel of the social prayer meetings and of
the many means of grace which I am now deprived
of I know that I shall not be so contented on shore as I am
at sea but still I feel that it is my duty as a
Christian to flee from temptation O my God direct and help
for Jesus sake and for thy glory and honor

Aug. 24
Much in sorrow, much in no onward Christian onward
go - this is the language of my heart this morning
May God help me to double my diligence in the
Christian cause that I may make my calling and
election sure - I find that there is great need for me to
watch and pray for I have foes without and foes
within that are watching for my downfall and would
rejoice in my damnation - but Lord in thee is my help
make bare thy arm and save the purchase of Jesus
blood - O my God like Peter my cry this morning is
Lord save or I perish - dear Lord wilt thou work in me
to will and to do of thy good pleasure and grant
Heavenly Father to be a coworker with me that the
temple of piety may be reared in my heart and through
the riches of thy grace may it become holy that thy
honor may take up its abode there and rule and reign
without a rival - in the week that is passed I have been
severely tried, O my God grant that I may do right by all
if in the past week I have wronged any be pleased Lord
to forgive and teach me and give me a disposition
to do right and grant Lord to restrain the wicked
although the past week has been one of excitement and
trouble yet I feel to bless God that it has not been
altogether void of happiness to my soul for whilst the
outward man has been tempted and tried the inward
man has been enabled to rejoice in God glory be
to his holy name, for the refreshing seasons that my
soul has had in communion with my God
O that the good Lord would direct enable and help
me to do right by these with whom I sail
O thou that did impart wisdom unto Solomon be pleased
to direct me in the various and peculiar duties of
a Christian shipmaster O my God grant to teach me
so to rule this people that when I come to stand
with them before thy bar in judgment that I may
stand acquitted of all blame yes Lord shed abroad thy
spirit in my heart that I may so live before and
rule this people that in that in that day they
cannot cast one reproving word or look upon me
and now Heavenly Father wilt thou be pleased to bestow
upon me a fresh unction from on high that I may
be sustained in all my arduous duties and trials O
great God thou knowest how inadequate I am to fill
the station which I now occupy O my God grant
to do for me that which is for the best Heavenly
Father the knowledge is thine the power is thine
if it is for the best O in mercy remove me from this
station either by sickness or death or in any way that
the Lord shall see fit for it would be better for me
to beg my bread from door to door or even to perish
with hunger than to rool in luxury and lose my soul
I now commit myself into thy kind care and keeping
O for Jesus sake enable me to do this unreservedly and
except the offering and thy name shall have all
the glory Amen and amen

Sept. 28. 62

Another month is passed since I last wrote in this journal and the fact that I am now writing again is an evidence that the Lord is merciful and slow to anger were it not so to day I should be in the eternal world - the month that is passed has been one freighted with more dangers than any previous one since I left my native land yet through all of these the Lord has protected me although my ship has been ashore and the gales have lashed the sea into a foam and my cable has parted rocks were all around me and destruction shipwreck and death stared us in the face yet God preserved us and brought us from our critical condition with only the partial loss of chain & anchor - I attribute this loss to some defect in one of the links of the chain this reminds me of the chain of my hope that is fastened on Christ within the bait & my God grant that there may be no defects in this chain of hope grant Lord that every link may be moulded and fashioned and welded by the hammer of thy love - may the fire of divine grace purify it from all dross and imperfection that when the gales of temptation and of trial shall come it may be found sufficient for every emergency in life and for the trying hour of death - I know that the anchor Christ Jesus which my hope fastens on will stand though the gales of temptation the sea of adversity the current of a gainsaying world - yes glory to God there is no danger of dragging this anchor earth and Hell combined have tried all their powers but this anchor Christ stands firm and sure and it will stand as long as eternity shall endure & my God enable me to examine this chain of my hope that I may not be deceived or disappointed when I come to stand before God in judgment - may I not be satisfied because a few links are sound such as lying adultery fornication blasphemy for these ought I to have done and not left the others undone although there may be good yet if the links of pride worldly mindedness covertiousness or any other link is defective the cable of hope will part & I shall make shipwreck of faith and lose my soul & my God wilt thou forbid it - search me and try me and see if there be any evil way in me and lead me in the way everlasting and thy name shall have all the glory - Thou Lord hast seen fit to afflict me by the breaking the bones of one of my fingers dislocating another and mangling the flesh & badly & grant that this dispensation of thy providence may be sanctified to my spiritual and everlasting welfare may I consider that if so much pain can arise from one finger what must it be to suffer the wrath of Almighty God for ever and ever and that not of one of my members but of my whole soul and body in Hell

13 Aug 3 1856

What shall I render to my God for all his kindness and tender mercies to unworthy me - through a nother week my life has been spared and I am permitted to behold the light of another beautiful Sabbath day glory be to God for all these mercies - O my soul look up this morning and by the eye of faith see the clouds of mercy that over shadow thee - reach forth thy hands cry aloud to the Lord of Sabbath that these clouds of mercy may burst asunder and a shower of divine grace may descend and overwhelm thee and thou be lost and swallowed up in the love of God - O my God my faith is weak by nature I am prone to unbelief sin of practice has tended to strengthen this distrustfulness in thy promises O my God appear for my deliverance and save the purchase of Jesus blood I have no merits of my own no Lord I have forgot all claims to thy mercy I am a great sinner by nature but much greater by practice but glory be to the name of Jesus there is a sufficiency in the atoning merits of his blood though thousands have drank from that fountain and millions have been washed in the precious blood that flowed from that bleeding side yet glory be to God that fountain is still full and like the widows meal that blood or the efficacy of that blood has not decreased for it is like the being from whence it flowed eternal - O my God help me by the eye of faith to look into the eternal world this day and see the thousands and tens of thousands that are singing the song of redeeming love - these all were once sojourners and pilgrims there upon this earth - but through great tribulations they have reached the paradise of God they fought the good fight of faith they have overcome the world the flesh and the Devil and now with palms of victory in their hands they are shouting on Canaan's shore blessed by God O my God for a fresh baptismal of the Holy Ghost grant unto thy servant a fresh impetus from on high O enable me this day to gird on the heavenly armour to rush onward until I obtain a glimpse a foretaste an earnest of the land of Belshazzar O my soul arise shake off thy guilty fears the bleeding sacrifice this day in sight appears glory be to God in the highest I feel to bless God that in the week that is past that I have had and felt a greater degree of Gods love shed abroad in my heart than I have for some weeks past some three weeks ago I formed the resolution that in my morning and evening devotions I would offer special prayer for a deeper work of grace in my heart for a greater manifestation of Gods love for a deeper insight into my own heart and for more love in reading the volume of inspiration and thanks be to his holy name I have not cried in vain the good Lord has heard prayer he has blessed my soul eternal glory be to his holy name but O for a deeper work to know the height and depth of the service of God for I feel that I am but a babe in Christ O Lord help

Oct. 25 1856 (65)

Bless the Lord O my soul for his kindness to unworthy me, I feel this morning and have felt for a few days past that my love to God is growing cold I have not that delight in my devotions that I formerly had I do not prize the volume of inspiration as I used to do I do not have that ecstacy in heavenly contemplation which my soul has enjoyed in days past. O the danger and guilt of wholly apostatizing from God, may God forbid it for Jesus sake appear for my deliverance and sanctify and make me holy that thy name may be glorified and my soul be made happy and finally saved in thy kingdom, as I hear the voice of my Saviour this morning speaking to me from his Holy word, ^{saying} will you also go away, my heart cries out with bold, zealous ^{alone} crying After whether shall I go Lord for thou hast the words of eternal life O my God what ever the cause is that hinders the blessing from flowing into my soul O my God wilt thou be pleased to remove it, be it as dear to me as the apple of my eye or even life it self I know that the fault lies at my own door for God is more willing to impart his holy Spirit unto me than I am to impart a temporal blessing to the child of my loins yet still for all the power compassion and love of God my soul cries out this morning O my leanneft my leanneft I know that sin has hedged up the channel through which blessing flow to my soul, God is willing waiting and ready to be gracious, yet he cannot consistently bless my soul untill these hindering causes are removed out of the way I know that the very day and the moment I seek him with all my heart I shall find him whom my soul pants after, yes glory be to God for the assurance that I have in my own soul that the moment I begin to work out my own salvation with fear and trembling that moment God will begin to work in me to will and to do of his good pleasure and my soul shall again bask in the sunshine of his love and shout Hallelulu glory to God in the highest who hath redeemed my soul from death and put a new song in my mouth even praise and thanksgiving my Father who art in Heaven although thou canst consistently save me in my sins O for Jesus sake save me from sin not from selfish motives merely for the comfort that religion imparts to both soul and body but that thy name may be glorified, Almighty God be pleased in thy own way and manner to revive thy work in my soul I would not dictate to Omnipotence but would lay humble at thy feet and entreat of thee to have mercy upon me and whilst this is the language of my pen grant Lord that it may be the language of my heart and whatever will prove a blessing to me however crossing to the flesh O my God impart

Through the mercy of God I am brought to see another birth day - glory be to God for the goodness and mercies that I have followed me for the past thirty six years in all this time the good Lord has not forgotten me for one single moment - although I have been one of the most ungrateful rebellious hard hearted and sinful of all the creatures that he has made yet still he has bourn with me (O amazing mercy) and called after me by sending conviction to my heart and though I have put him off and said go thy way for this time yet he has called again and again I have ran from him and sought the company of the of the gay worldly licencious sinful throng to stifle the chidings of conscience yet still he has bourn with me and condescended to argue the point with me saying why will you die whilst such rich provision has been made for your salvation O how often has he lingered around the door of my heart untill his locks has been wet with the dew of the night how often in the still midnight watch have I heard his voice booming over the waters saying son give me thine heart - I say often has he come and snatched a shipmate from my side and said to me be ye also ready and yet nearer still has he come and out of eight brothers and sisters only one is left God has visited our family and one and another has been called away by death some older and some younger than I am untill only two of us still survive the pale nations of the dead - yet glory be to God for the assurance that they have left behind that this Lord's day they are in the City of the new Jerusalem with harps of gold in their hands singing Hallelu glory to God in highest - and yet nearer still has he come and laid the hand of death upon the bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh he has taken from me the child of my loins yes that beautiful flower which bloomed upon earth for ten months just long enough to entwine itself around the hearts of its dotting parents was snatched away by the cold hand of death and as we visit its silent grave its living voice echoes from the tomb prepare to meet me in Heaven Again the Lord has visited me by laying me upon a sick bed and bringing me even to the gates of death and permitting me to look into the cold and silent grave thus has God in mercy dealt with unworthy me from my infile moments to the present time it has been out continual stream of mercy - I have had warning upon warning precept upon precept and should I attempt to recount all his mercies time ability and forgetfulness would fail me - and now my soul what have I rendered to my God for all these mercies to me O my God thou knowest for my heart is open and naked before thee but O for Jesus sake forgive although I have wound thee in the house of thy friends by professing to love thee and living an inconsistent life and bringing disgrace upon thy cause and staining upon my soul yet Lord for thy great name sake

Dec 23^d 1856

Bless the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful
works to the children of men and especially for
his mercy and forbearance to unworthy me
since I last wrote in this journal I have enjoyed
a good degree of peace and quiet both outwardly
and inwardly - but I have been led to enquire of
my own heart wheather this peace was of a Godly
nature or not - wheather or no it is the peace that
attends carnal security, or the peace applied to the
heart by the Holy Spirit in believing and trusting
in God - of one thing I am assured that I am
not where it is my privilege to be if I were
there would be no doubting in my heart but I
should be enabled to say with holy Paul I KNOW
that if this earthly house were dissolved that my
God has prepared a more glorious habitation for
my soul in Heaven - I know the only reason of doubt
is sin remove this and there would not be a wave
of doubt to crop the breast of Gods ransomed people
Sin disproportion fear and doubt are not to be found
in the paradise of God no we may search the
city of the new Jerusalem diligently with a lighted
candle but we shall find no such plants there
for they are weeds that grow in carnal soil not
in the paradise of God with the Rose of Sharon
Yes glory be to God these perplexing doubts and
fears can never crop over the river into the land
of Canaan the soul that dies in the triumph of faith
shall never more know sickness sorrow pain or death
the moment that he wings his way from this body
of clay and spars away to the regions of eternal rest
to inhabit that glorious body that ^{Christ} attended to prepare
for him that moment sorrows will be to an end
how the soul will be employed will be employed
through the unvariable ages of Eternity I know not
but this I do know that it will be for ever satisfied
not one moment of those unnumarible ages will hang
in its hands for the same God that created the soul
will find employment for the soul
O my God enable me to meditate upon these things
that I may be diligent in business fervent in spirit
serving the Lord that I may fill up the residue
of my days with usefulness that I may glorify
thee by a well ordered life and godly conversation
the days of my life are fast filling up O how fast
yet I would recall a single moment were it in my
power though my time has been mispent and
wasted yet I know my carnal heart too well to
desire to live that life over again - the troubles
trials temptations cares anxieties and perplexities
that I have passed through I do not wish to pass
through them again yet if the good Lord shall
see fit to afflict me in days to come my soul says
Amen all I ask is sustaining grace and
sanctifying power may God grant this for his great
name sake

Dec. 28. 1856
It has been some five weeks since I last wrote in this journal, these have been weeks of mercy yet the God of all consolation and support has been very kind and merciful to unworthy me - O would that I could say that these weeks had been weeks of gratitude but it is not so though loaded with mercies both spiritual and temporal innumerable yet my heart is hard my affections are cold my prayers are formal my zeal in the cause of my God and Saviour has died away and I am left like a mariner in the midst of the Ocean on a plank without chart or compass Oars or sails exposed to the fury of the waves of temptation - in danger of being shipwrecked on the rocks of sin - and thereby missing of the port of Heaven - making shipwreck of faith and damning my immortal soul
Why is it thus with me of one thing I am assured the fault lies at my own door for God changes not he is just as willing to bless my soul now as he was sixteen years ago when he spoke peace to my soul and washed all my sins away in the precious blood of Jesus and said to me go in peace and sin no more glory be to God for what he has done for my soul - and although I am so sinful and vile and have wandered so far from God yet I desire that God's name may be glorified and souls saved and though I should make shipwreck of faith and die in my sins and go down to hell yet even then I will thank and praise his holy name for what he has done for me and a lost and ruined world
Another year is about drawing to a close the first day of this year I resolved to live very near to God but instead of that I have not served my God as faithfully as I did the year previous I feel that the fire of divine love does not burn with so pure and holy a flame upon the altar of my heart as it did twelve months ago - This ought not so to be for to my recollection I have never enjoyed a year of more perfect health than in the year that is passed besides this it has been a year of peace abroad and never for the sixteen years that I have been to Sea have I seen so little strife and contention as on this voyage added to this it has been a year of prosperity I have seen nor heard of none that have been so prosperous in procuring Oil as I have been - yet with all of these mercies favours and blessings I have been wandering farther and farther from God O my God appear for my deliverance make bare thy arm for salvation and save the purchase of Jesus blood - in thine own way Lord - but Lord save - if it needs be affliction O my God spare not the rod - I leave myself in thy hands O my God help me to do so unreservedly and whatever is best for thy servant Lord shower it upon me without regard to carnal desires and thy name shall have all the glory God grant that if I am permitted to read these lines at the close of another year it

Feb 15th 1857

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Through the mercy of God my life is still spared and again I am permitted to write a few lines in this journal would to God it were a delight to do so but this is not the case, it is with rather reluctance that I sit down to write this morning, would to God it were otherwise for when ever I have found it a pleasure to write in this journal it has been when I was enjoying the presence of God, since I last wrote in this book I have passed through some trials and temptations and the thought often arises in my mind whether or no in the midst of these scenes I have done right, will God approve of my conduct in regard to the dealings with my crew, have I set such an example before them as I should have done I have no disposition to turn my back upon the cross of Christ - but feel determined to reach Heaven at last but O the coldness and indifference there is in my heart I do sincerely desire and pray for the work of grace to be deepened in my heart - but fear that my inconsistencies and short comings have so blocked up the avenues to my heart that the Holy Spirit cannot gain access there too - I know that God has certain fixed laws by which to govern the children of men and he will not depart from these to suit the whims or wills of the creatures which he has made although God delights not in the death of the ungodly but would that they would turn to him and live yet he will not deviate from the fixed rule and laws that he has made to save the children of men from going down to Hell - neither will he smile upon his own children that have been washed in the all atoning precious blood of the Saviour whilst they walk inconsistently before him it matters not how much they pray or how much zeal they may manifest in this case unless they remove that sin from their hearts (which they can do by applying to God for help) they cannot enjoy that pure happiness which it is the privilege of the Christian to enjoy here on earth - they may do what they may even to distributing all their goods to feed the poor spending their time and talents in preaching the Gospel and finally giving their bodies to be burned unless they forsake all their sins and give their whole hearts to God they will rob God of his glory and their souls of much peace I do not mean by this that they will miss of Heaven when they die but they will miss of much happiness here and hereafter I believe - in the spiritual there will be different degrees of happiness as there is in the temporal world whilst some will be saved as by fire and the very thoughts of how little the honoured God of Heaven here will tend to mar their happiness there whilst others who have been ~~great~~ but little esteemed by man will have a glorious entrance into Heaven for God sees not as man seeth ~~for~~ he looks at the heart

July 18th 1867
Twelve Years have rolled away since I last wrote in
this Journal. I have often resolved to do so as in days
past as I have begun putting my thoughts on paper I
have been signally blessed in so doing amongst the
numerous reasons that have deterred me from doing so
is a feeling (or rather has been) that after my scanty
records would convey an impression not strictly true
but to day whilst perusing these past records the thought
has crossed my mind that perhaps this was the suggestion
of the Devil. Be that as it may I feel as though it
was a duty I owe to God, to record God's wonderful dealing
to my Soul especially during the past three Years of my
sojourn on the Ocean. Before I entered upon this Voyage
I filed with my Heavenly Father to suffer me to remain
at home I told him of the privations of the Ocean how
unfit I was to conduct a whale Voyage how that it was
not necessary for me to go as my family was provided
for yet for all this the Lord said go my grace shall
be sufficient for you. Although my sufferings of mind
have been more than in all my past life put together
I bless God for having sent me on this Voyage truly
he has been good to me for in no period of my
twenty eight Years of my sojourn on the Ocean have I
enjoyed that degree of Love to God and fellowship with
him that I have for the past three years in no period
of my life have I felt so reconciled to his holy will
and so desirous to lie passive in his hands as on this Voyage
I have a Family that I love O how ardently I love them
yet my love to God my Father to God my Saviour to God
my Comforter has surpassed all this & I long for the time
to come when I shall see him face to face freed from
the cares trials and temptations of life
feeling that perhaps I shall never see the faces of those
dear ones that I so ardently love and pray for and
thinking perhaps these lips may be blessed to their spiri-
tual welfare when I have passed away has induced
me to write in this Journal at this time
my sufferings and trials during this Voyage has been great
yet blessed be God there has not been one trial to which
my Heavenly Father saw that I needed them all, and I
trust has sanctified every one of them to my spiritual
welfare. Rivers of weeping has ran down my cheeks but
blessed be God I have had many seasons of rejoicing
in no period of my life has prayer been such a delightful
exercise and so signally answered all my petitions that
have been presented in faith endorsed with the precious
name of Jesus have been honored at the Bank of Heaven
and now my dear ones as you peruse this testimony of your
dear departed one O let me entreat you to live near
to God prepare to meet me in glory. Suffer not the
world or the enemy of Souls to deceive you and thus rob
your Soul of peace and God of his glory and honor
bear in mind that time is short soon the cold icy hand
of death will be feeling for your heartstrings so live that you
may meet that grim messenger with a smile knowing
that he comes to bear your ransomed spirit home to Heaven
No more sorrow No more tears forever with the Lord Amen

Shells taken on board of Ship James Smith.

1843

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Shades seen by ship driver in 1833





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